

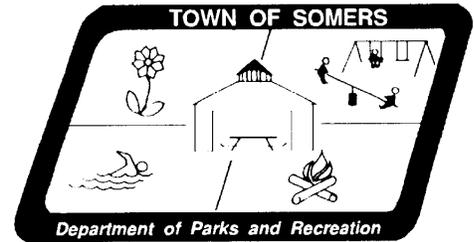
Somers Parks & Recreation Board

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Kevin Westerman
Chairman



MEETING MINUTES

May 23, 2018

Chairman Westerman opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

The members present were: Jim Boniello, Don Penzine, Michele Sanz, Michele Werney, and Kevin Westerman.

Stephen Krug, Michael Papa, John Papalia, and John Zattola were absent.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent, Steve Ralston, was also present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Sanz to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2018 meeting. Mrs. Werney seconded the motion. All were in favor.

MR. RALSTON'S REPORT

Mr. Ralston was happy to report that the Town Board appointed Howard Vinberg to the Park Foreman position. He has been part of the maintenance staff for 24 years and is an asset to the department.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business this evening.

OLD BUSINESS

Parks Master Plan Review Update – The Parks and Recreation Board will continue to work on updating the Parks Master Plan. Currently, the focus is on Bailey and Van Tassell Parks.

Mr. Ralston will research to better understand whether, and to what extent, there are wetland restrictions in Van Tassell Park, and he will make arrangements to meet with Mr. Papalia at the Park to discuss his suggestions further.

A conversation took place about Bailey Park. Mr. Ralston reported that Councilman Clinchy knows of someone with whom the Board can consult at no cost, about creating a development plan for Bailey Park. Mr. Ralston will follow up to see if this person can

attend the meeting in June. Mrs. Werney went to Bailey Park and thinks a proposed exterior sidewalk should match the brick in the front of the Town House, so that it all ties together. Mr. Boniello said an interior walkway should be the same. Mrs. Werney doesn't feel it is necessary to have tables in the Park but agrees that benches would be a nice amenity. She also suggested a small fountain. Mr. Penzine said that groups and organizations in Town should be solicited to sponsor a bench or other improvement to the Park. Mr. Boniello would like to see the area in front of the gazebo remain open with grass, so that if there is a concert playing in the Park, folks can just bring their lawn chairs or blankets and sit scattered around in the front of the gazebo. The trees along the property line should be cleaned up as well. It was suggested that, perhaps a small flagpole can be placed somewhere in the Park. Last month, there was some discussion regarding the amount of money to be used out of Recreation Fees for this project. Being considered is capping the cost at a certain percentage cap of the available Recreation Fees. Mr. Ralston reported that currently there is \$2,425,335.87 in the account, with \$100,000 not yet billed for.

Men's Softball League Eligibility Review Update – All members were provided a draft of the Men's Softball League Eligibility for review and discussion as a result of a request made on behalf of the League last month. Mr. Ralston and Mr. Westerman will work on some proposed language and this item will be placed on the agenda of the next meeting.

Summer Program Registration Update – There are 356 campers registered for Day Camp, which is for students entering kindergarten through 5th grade compared to 272 at this same time last year. Registration will continue to be accepted until May 28th on a case by case basis. An additional \$50.00 will be added to the registration fee. Trip registration and t-shirt distribution will begin on June 4. Interviewing and hiring of prospective staff based on the registration numbers continues. There is still a need for boy counselors for both the Day Camp and Tusker Trax Camp. The Tusker Trax Camp for those entering grades 6 to 8, has 61 registered for Session 1, 74 in Session 2 and 88 in Session 3.

Independence Day Celebration Update – Plans are in place for the Independence Day Celebration that will be held on June 30th at the Sebastian Capital property, the former Pepsi site. A website, blockparty2018.org, has been created with the agenda and general information about the event, and includes the ability to purchase tickets. The event is being sponsored by the Town of Somers, Somers Lions Club and Sebastian Capital.

MR. RALSTON'S COMMENTS

Mr. Ralston didn't have any additional comments.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Sanz asked about the concession stand. The current vendor is in the last year of its contract. Mr. Ralston will add this item to the agenda of the June meeting so that the Board can review the language of the vendor contract and discuss whether the fee

being charged should be changed for the new vendor contract.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 27th at 6:30 p.m. in the Recreation Center in Van Tassell Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Parks & Recreation Board

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Superintendent of Parks & Recreation
Town Board
Town Clerk