

Somers Parks & Recreation Board

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Kevin Westerman
Chairman



MEETING MINUTES April 24, 2019

Chairman Westerman opened the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

The members present were: Chris McCormack, John Papalia, Don Penzine, Michele Sanz, Michele Werney, and Kevin Westerman.

Jim Boniello, Stephen Krug and John Zattola were absent.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Steve Ralston was also present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. McCormack to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2019 meeting. Mr. Penzine seconded the motion. All were in favor.

MR. RALSTON'S REPORT

Mr. Penzine asked if Mr. Ralston ever spoke with Paul LaSpina of the Somers Leos with regard to spreading the millings on the 1st and 2nd loops of the Fitness Trail in Reis Park. He did and they will select a date over the next few weeks to complete the work.

Mr. Westerman asked what the department's role will be at the Independence Day Celebration on June 29th. Mr. Ralston will be there as the Town liaison and the maintenance staff will bring some equipment, as well as assist with manpower for set-up on Friday. They will also be present on Sunday morning for clean-up. Mrs. Werney asked who will pay for their overtime, it is paid for out of the Parks and Recreation budget. The Town budget pays for the fireworks.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business this evening.

OLD BUSINESS

Parks Master Plan Review Update – Mr. Westerman has been in contact with Landscape Concepts with regard to a landscape design for Bailey Park, but unfortunately the proposed plans are still not completed. A lengthy discussion ensued. This item will be placed on next month's meeting agenda.

Shenorock Lake Project Update – Grant money is being used to create a 6' wide stone path around the perimeter of one-quarter of Lake Shenorock that will be used for maintenance. Ultimately, this path will also be usable as a walking path. The Parks staff is now responsible for maintaining this area. The ultimate goal is to have a walking path around the entire lake.

Summer Camps Update – As of this afternoon, there are 178 youngsters registered for Day Camp, which is 32 less than at this same time last year. Counselors for Day Camp are in place. Regarding Tusker Trax, the 2nd and 3rd sessions, consisting of two buses for each, are full. There is still room in the 1st session. There remain openings for counselors for Tusker Trax which are expected to be filled by college students returning for the summer.

Angle Fly Preserve Conservation Easement Modification Update – The latest update on the Conservation Easement Modification is that the Town must review it and then let DEC know whether it is correct. The modification will be published in the DEC Environmental News Bulletin for public comment for 30 days. After that point, the modification can take effect. As per Town Attorney Roland Baroni, on March 29th, there is no update.

MR. RALSTON'S COMMENTS

Mr. Ralston had no comments.

BOARD COMMENTS

None of the Board members had any comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. and the next meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in the Recreation Center in Van Tassell Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Parks & Recreation Board

cc: Parks & Recreation Board
Superintendent of Parks & Recreation
Town Board
Town Clerk