

## **Somers Parks & Recreation Board**

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**Kevin Westerman**  
Chairman



### **MEETING MINUTES**

**April 22, 2020**

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

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

John Zattola was absent.

Town Councilmen Rich Clinchy and Tom Garrity, as well as Parks and Recreation Superintendent Steve Ralston were also present.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public present.

#### **MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Penzine to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2020 meeting. Mr. Krug seconded the motion. All were in favor.

#### **MR. RALSTON'S REPORT**

There were no questions or comments regarding Mr. Ralston's report.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Woodard and Curran Proposal** – In February, Joe Barbagallo of Woodard and Curran met with Mr. Ralston regarding a modification to the Reis Park Master Plan expansion work that they did for the Town a few years ago. A proposal was submitted to Supervisor Morrissey which was shared with the Board. The total was just under \$10,000.00. A lengthy discussion ensued as to whether work of this nature should be agreed to without seeking multiple competitive proposals from both a pricing perspective and the perspective of entertaining varying development options. All agreed that a new access road from Reis Park to Plum Brook Road was important, but they were open to other modification thoughts. A motion was made by Mr. Krug to not proceed at this point with the Woodard and Curran proposal, but to solicit at least two other proposals from other firms to see what their ideas are. Mr. Papalia seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mr. Ralston will handle contacting two or three other firms. Upon receipt of these proposals, a sub-committee will be formed. Several are interested in serving on that sub-committee.

**Camps and Programs Discussion** – Registration for Day Camp and Tusker Trax was to begin on April 5th, but was postponed to May 5, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. Currently New York State is on PAUSE until May 15<sup>th</sup>. If registration is taken and the camps end up being cancelled, it will generate a loss of between \$7,000.00 and \$10,000.00 for the Town. In addition, the next Executive Order by the Governor could impact other scheduled programs. Decisions need to be made. All agreed to meet again at a Special Meeting on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. to discuss these issues further.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Parks Master Plan Review Update** – At the February meeting, Mary Ann Rivera of Landscape Concepts met with the Board regarding a proposal for improvements at Bailey Park. The Board was quite pleased with the proposal. Mr. Ralston followed up with Ms. Rivera concerning the following: prevailing wage; landscape lighting; natural stone walkways along the Route 100 and 202 sides of the property; and handicap accessibility. He has not heard back from Ms. Rivera, but will put a call into her.

## **MR. RALSTON'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Ralston had no additional comments.

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

There were no Board comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. and the next meeting will take place on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary  
Parks & Recreation Board

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