

Somers Parks & Recreation Board

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Kevin Westerman
Chairman



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES **November 19, 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, Kevin Westerman, and John Zattola.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Steve Ralston was also present.

The meeting was held via Zoom.

Bailey Park Renovations – Last month, the Board was still anxiously awaiting a color rendition of the proposed renovations to Bailey Park that Mary Ann Rivera of Landscape Concepts was preparing. Thanks to the assistance of Mr. Penzine, the color rendition was received.

A special meeting was called for this evening so the plan could be reviewed and discussed. Although it seemed like a lot of money, all were willing to talk about changes to be made to lessen the cost. Prevailing wage definitely increases the cost of the project however it was understood that the costs being proposed are pretty much on target. The immediate change noticed was the cost of bluestone for the patio, walkway and family gathering areas. Although it looks very appealing, after a while a patio of that type may begin to crack as the ground moves, especially in the winter. The same thing would happen to stamped concrete, as concrete is the real issue. Some thought Unilock would be an alternative option, while others pointed out that it fades after a while, weeds grow through it and if there are any low-lying areas it puddles. Fortunately, there is a product called poly metric sand that can be placed under the Unilock and will significantly cut down on weeds. Mr. Ralston reminded everyone that his staff can certainly maintain those areas that will have Unilock, but the goal is to keep it to a minimum as much as possible. All agreed that Unilock made the most sense for the patio, family gathering areas and walkway.

The proposed patio is 4,400 square feet and some were afraid between the large size of the patio and family gathering areas it would take away from the natural setting of the park. Everyone would like the size of the patio to be reduced to 3,000 square feet and the family gathering areas from 600 to 400 square feet.

Not only will the pathway have to meet the current cut of the sidewalk, but must be ADA compliant.

All agreed to remove the natural stone walkway as it leads to private property (Towne Centre at Somers) and users should really not be parking in their lot to enter Bailey Park. Having a walkway in between the properties might just encourage that.

As previously agreed, the Rosewood Vinyl fencing will be placed on the side of the property that abuts The Lane.

On Monday, November 30th or Tuesday, December 1st, Mr. Boniello and Mr. Ralston will paint circles denoting the placement of the patio and family gathering areas so that all have an opportunity to do a site visit before the meeting on December 2nd.

Mr. Ralston explained that once the final cost and color rendition is agreed upon, signed and stamped architect plans need to be secured as well as all specifics including installation. It is the hope that much of the required information to go to bid will be provided by Landscape Concepts.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. and the next meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Parks & Recreation Board

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