

Somers Parks & Recreation Board

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Kevin Westerman
Chairman



MEETING MINUTES

June 25, 2025

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

The members present were: Stephen Krug; Chris McCormack; John Papalia; Don Penzine; Janelle Robbins; Michele Sanz; Kevin Westerman and John Zattola

Jim Boniello was absent.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Steve Ralston and Councilman Richard Clinchy were also present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Sanz to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2025, meeting as submitted. Mr. McCormack seconded the motion. All were in favor.

MR. RALSTON'S REPORT

There were no comments about Mr. Ralston's report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Grant Opportunity

On June 3rd Mr. Ralston met with the new grant writers regarding a grant to complete the septic, well and some other code compliance projects for the Reynolds House.

OLD BUSINESS:

Reis Park Expansion Update

The Town applied for a \$1 million grant with the new grant writers that can be used toward the Reis Park Expansion project. Awards will be made late summer, early fall. In the meantime, the Highway Department cut an emergency access egress road from behind the tennis courts to Plum Brook Road. The Reis Park Expansion Committee will reconvene over the summer to talk about further details of the expansion.

Day Camp

Day Camp begins on June 30th and 330 campers have registered. Last year, 290 registered and 220 the year before. All is in order and having a full-time staff member who serves as the Day Camp Director is very beneficial. Camp runs for six-week at Reis Park with the Somers Middle School available as a rain site. A question came up as to whether the travel camp might be offered at some point in the future. Unfortunately, it ends up costing quite a bit of money to pay for busses, attraction entrance fees and staff.

Summer Concerts

One band cancelled, but four have been contracted to play on Thursdays in Reis Park starting July 10th. Hopefully more people will be in attendance this year. All were encouraged to think about how this offering could draw a larger audience next year. A question came up about advertising the concerts on social media platforms such as Facebook and Instagram. Unfortunately, the Town doesn't use social media platforms.

Independence Day Celebration

Plans for the Independence Day Celebration on July 3rd in Reis Park have been finalized. The schedule of events for the day will be similar to those of last year. A flyer has been distributed.

Discussion with Reis Park Concessionaire

Last month, Reis Park Concessionaire Stella O'Neill met with the Board to discuss a request to increase prices for some of the items sold at the concession stand in Reis Park. A thorough discussion took place including some suggestions that might better her success. Mr. Ralston reported that Mrs. O'Neill made a decision to not increase her prices or streamline her menu. Her contract ends in November 2026.

MR. RALSTON'S COMMENTS

Mr. Ralston had no additional comments.

BOARD MEMBER'S COMMENTS

The Board members had no additional comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. The Board will meet next on July 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in the Recreation Center in Van Tassell Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Parks and Recreation Board

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