

# Somers Parks & Recreation Board

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**Kevin Westerman**  
Chairman



## MEETING MINUTES

February 25, 2026

Chairman Westerman opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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

Jim Boniello and John Papalia were absent.

Residents Dennis Brady; Greg McClure; and Adam Schilkraut were present.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Steve Ralston, and Supervisor Rob Scorrano were also present.

The meeting was held via Zoom due to impending weather concerns.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. McCormack to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2026, meeting as submitted. Mr. Zattola seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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

There were no questions about Mr. Ralston's Report.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Concessionaire's Request**

Mr. Ralston shared an email he got from O'Neill Concessions Fixed, LLC indicating the need to increase the menu prices as a result of significant increases in the cost of food, insurance premiums, electricity and propane. The overall concern was not necessarily about the price increase, but how long it takes to get the food once an order is placed. The delays were seen to be a staffing-related issue. People often try to buy food at the concession stand before or between games at one of the fields and, thus, have limited time. Delays in allowing customers

to place their orders or providing food after their orders can serve to limit use of the concession stand. Mr. Ralston will also share a copy of the concessionaire's contract.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Reis Park Improvements and Expansion Update**

On Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, LANDTEK will be providing a plan for the improvement and expansion project for Reis Park in phases, with a cost estimate per phase. It will be shared with the Board members.

### **Angle Fly Preserve Greenway Grant**

Last month, it was announced that the Town was in receipt of a Greenway Grant that was submitted by Woodard & Curran consulting engineer Steve Robbins to create a master plan for the Town's exclusive 15-acre portion of Angle Fly Preserve, including the Reynolds House. Mr. Robbins gave an overview of the process and Supervisor Scorrano confirmed that any and all ideas will be accepted first by the Parks and Recreation Board. The ultimate goal is to bring amenities to Somers that don't currently exist. The plan can be one that is phased in and it was noted that the Town may seek additional grant money to institute the master plan when completed. Ultimately this 15-acre parcel should be the gateway to the rest of the acreage on the property. Mr Ralston sent all members information, including a map that he has on Angle Fly Preserve. There will be an opportunity in the future, if appropriate, to amend the rules as they apply to the 15 acres. It should take about 4 months to complete this process. All Parks and Recreation Board members were asked to email any and all ideas that they had to Mr. Ralston.

The Board further discussed the updates for the Reis Park improvements and expansion, specifically the splash pad. All agreed they would like to see funding and approval of the splash pad to be included with Phase 1 of the project, as it is a much-needed amenity since there is not a Town pool and has been a priority for quite some time now. It will also be a beneficial activity for Day Camp. A memo was sent to the Supervisor. The Board understands that, even if it is in Phase 1, other aspects of the project may be implemented before the splash pad.

This evening, the conversation continued. Supervisor Scorrano was present and he invited Scout Leaders Dennis Brady, Greg McClure as well as Adam Schilkrat for their input. Mr. Scorrano thanked the Board for their memo. He said the plan is to build the pickle ball courts first and while that is in process, to start the process with the Westchester County Department of Health for the installation of a splash pad. Once the pickle ball courts are completed, then the focus will be on the upper Reis fields, and then the splash pad will be built. Rec Fees will be used toward this project and the Town has other fees available. If necessary, a bond will be secured.

Mrs. Robbins said it is important that throughout the process there be a focus on accessibility, particularly with trails so that all users can be accommodated and information given so one can decide on their level of use. Recently she completed a plan along these lines at her job that she will share with everyone.

Other ideas shared included having areas for archery, camping, an amphitheater, fire pit, picnic area, pavilion, an area with an educational component. Although these amenities are being considered with Somers Scouting groups in mind, the ultimate goal is for these facilities

to also be available for other Town organizations. The existing yellow barn will be rebuilt and used for storage for various groups. A suggestion was made to create a hiker's club. Ultimately, the use will be for passive recreation.

Mr. Scorrano thanked everyone for their ideas and looks forward to any additional that anyone may have.

Mr. Westerman asked the Scout Leaders if they could provide general land/space and facilities requirements that the Scouts have to follow for camping.

In closing, Mr. Schilkraut said it would be nice to name one of the areas after Thelma Barlow, who recently passes as she was an integral part of Scouting in the Town of Somers.

**MR. RALSTON'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Ralston had no additional comments.

**BOARD MEMBER'S COMMENTS**

Mr. McCormack let everyone know that he has a message in to the NY Bowhunters requesting their assistance with trail maintenance at Angle Fly Preserve. He will keep everyone posted.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The Board will meet next on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Recreation Center in Van Tassell Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary  
Parks and Recreation Board

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