

Town of Somers Park Commission Meeting
October 20, 2008

Members Present: Gordon Lake, Nick Lichter, Sue Borger, Tom Maurer, Mary Lichter, Jan Gollinger, Karl Scheidt

Also Present: Fred Loomis, Town Supervisor

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM.

The minutes from the previous meeting were unanimously approved (Gordon L. moved, Jan G. seconded).

Discussion of the bike / multi-use trail plans will be included in next month's agenda.

The Park Commission budget for 2009 was discussed. A motion was made (Gordon L. moved, Tom M. seconded, unanimously passed) that the commission should request the following line items in the 2009 budget:

- 1) \$15,000 consultant fee (Ruekert-Mielke or other bidder) for development of a Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan
- 2) \$17,000 consultant fee for assistance in creating a master plan for a Somers Community Park
- 3) \$15,000 for design, engineering and construction costs in developing the Community Park

Additionally, the Commission will request that the impact fees collected and held by the Town of Somers for park acquisition and development be made available in the 2009 budget, subject to Town Board approval, for costs associated in building the park.

The existing ball diamonds behind the Town Hall will be used for the 2009 season.

Additional parking, if needed, will be addressed by using the grassy field west of the Town Hall.

The back portion of Gitzlaff Park has still not been burned by the Somers Fire Department. Gordon L. has volunteered to disc the field after burning.

The web-site link for the Park Commission will be created by Tim Kitzman, Town Clerk/Treasurer. It will be accessed via the Town's website, www.somers.org. Once it is up, Tom M. will be responsible for updating it with current information.

Tom M. said he'd found an interested person to develop the cheerleader program. Tom will actively work on developing the flag football program. The distribution of fliers to area schools was discussed. Coordination with the Boys and Girls Club and CYC may avoid any overlapping seasons or competition with their programs.

Jan G. reported on Sunny Somers. There were four Somers residents nominated by their neighbors. A certificate of appreciation will go out to each. Jan was able to interview the first one and that home will be featured in an upcoming Somers newsletter. Jan said that she had some communication problems with the Kenosha News and was unable to get the story and photo printed in the paper. Since it is the end of the season, Jan will suspend the Sunny Somers project until next spring.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Minutes submitted by Sue Borger, Secretary