

ORDINANCE NO. 10-012

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND RECREATE SECTION 1.18  
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF SOMERS  
RELATING TO PARK COMMITTEE

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The Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of Somers, Kenosha County,  
Wisconsin, hereby repeals and recreates Section 1.18 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of  
Somers relating to Park Committee to read as follows:

**1.18 PARK COMMITTEE.**

(A) **Creation.** The Town Board of the Town of Somers, by a supermajority vote of at least 4/5ths of its' members, hereby creates the Town of Somers Parks Committee. No abolition of this committee or modification of the authority of the committee shall be effective unless such abolition or modification shall occur after a vote of at least 4/5ths of the Town Board approving such action.

(B) **Composition of the Park Committee.** The Park Committee for the Town of Somers shall consist of seven (7) residents of the Town, none of whom shall occupy any elected Town public office. Members of the Park Committee shall be appointed by the Town Chairperson, with the approval of the Town Board, and shall hold office as members of said Committee for a term of three (3) years, commencing on the first day of July in the year in which the Committee member is appointed. The appointment shall be for a period of three (3) years or until successors are appointed. An alternate member may be appointed by the Town Chairperson, and confirmed by the Town Board, for a three (3) year term. The alternate member shall act only when a regular member is absent or withdraws, having a conflict of interest. A Committee member who shall have a conflict of interest shall not be counted in determining a quorum and shall not participate as a Committee member in any recommendation to the Town Board or a vote concerning the determination.

(C) **Initial Term of Office.** For the initial term of office commencing July 1, 2010, one (1) Committee member shall be for a one (1) year term, three (3) Committee members shall be for a two (2) year term and three (3) Committee members shall be for a three (3) year term. In addition, an alternate shall be appointed for a three (3) year term. Thereafter, each Committee member shall be appointed for a three (3) year term.

(D) **Meetings.** All meetings of the Park Committee shall be publicly held in accordance with §19.85, Wis. Stats. on such dates as may be designated by the Committee.

(E) **Compensation.** Members of the Park Committee shall be entitled to a per diem fee established by the Town Board and may be entitled to reimbursement for actual out-of-pocket expenses incurred by such members and approved by the Town Board.

(F) **Officers.** Members of the Park Committee shall elect a Chairperson at the first annual meeting of the Committee and annually thereafter. Members of the Committee shall elect a Clerk who shall keep an accurate record of all proceedings of the Committee and who shall provide an official copy to the Town Clerk/Treasurer.

(G) **Authority.** The Park Committee shall make recommendations to the Town Plan Commission and Town Board concerning issues relating to the acquisition, improvement and uses of park lands owned or sought to be acquired by the Town. It shall monitor and make recommendations to such bodies concerning the amount and use of Town Park Fund impact fees but the Park Committee shall have no independent authority to tax, make budgets, contract on behalf of the Town, or to authorize the expenditure of any funds other than the Town Park Committee Operational Fund, which shall be appropriated annually by and in an amount determined by the Town Board.

(H) **Notice of Meeting.** Meetings of the Park Committee shall be noticed by the Town Clerk/Treasurer giving the date and time of such meeting to the Kenosha News and by posting of such notice in not less than three (3) public places and at the Town Hall, at least five (5) days prior to such meeting.

Dated at Somers, Wisconsin, this 22 day of JUNE, 2010.

TOWN OF SOMERS

By: James M. Smith  
James Smith, Chairperson

Attest: Tim Kitzman  
Tim Kitzman, Clerk/Treasurer

