**Town of Somers**

**Joint Meeting of Town Board and Parks Committee**

**March 17, 2014**

Present: Ben Harbach, Town Chairman, Michael DeLuca and Judy Schantek, Supervisors; Tim Fulton, Parks Committee Chairman, Letitia Short, Tori Graham, Tom Maurer, George Stoner and Mark Pellicori, Parks Committee. Also in attendance, Janet Cushing, Dep. Clerk/Treasurer.

The meeting was called to order by Parks Committee Chairman Tim Fulton at 6:03 p.m.

Tori Graham moved to approve the previous minutes, seconded by George Stoner. The motion was approved by all.

Citizens Comments: Ron Grimes, 3145 72nd Ave, spoke about the balance in the Parks Impact Fund and the use of those funds, the work done by the committee and the relationship between the Town Board and the Committee.

The Town Board has looked at numbers for the proposed playground equipment project and had many concerns and questions. There are other places that the monies could be spent on rather than $70,000 plus for one piece of equipment. There are a number of kids who play ball and the lighting is inadequate; one diamond has no lights at all. Impact fees could be used for land acquisition. There should be a project proposal, justification, costs and implementation schedule designed so members would have better ideas and timelines of projects being proposed. This would be designed to improve communication.

The VFW walkway project is awaiting a meeting with the company, Royal House, that is making the bricks. Further discussions are being held on what else is needed for the walkway.

The next meeting was set for April 2, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss budget numbers on possible addition of lightning for diamonds.

The Fund for Lake Michigan grant is on the fast track for approval. This would be for the implementation for the scrapes that the U. S. Fish and Wildlife would be managing. Susan Greenfield of Root/Pike Win will be at the March 20 board work session to present the Pike River plan that was just finished. This is the first project that the EPA has approved in Wisconsin.

At 7:20 p.m. Letitia Short moved to adjourn; seconded by George Stoner and approved by all.

Respectfully submitted:

Janet Cushing

Dep. Clerk/Treasurer