**TOWN OF SOMERS**

**PARK COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**2/20/2014**

**Call to Order**

6:00 Meeting was called to order with Tim Fulton, Dan Meyer, Tori Graham Letitia Short, Tom Maurer, and Mark Pellicori present.

**Motion to Approve Minutes**

Letitia Short motioned to accept the minutes from last month seconded by Tori Graham and approved by all.

**Citizen’s Comments**

No citizens were present for comments.

**VFW Walkway Update**

There was a discussion revolving around an idea to put in a hand railing alongside of the VFW walkway. Tim Fulton volunteered to speak with George Stoner about contacting Stainless Steel Products to find out more about this. Tim also mentioned that George Stoner was contacted by The Royal Brick Company to start formalizing the planning of the walkway project. Royal Brick will be leading the way in the marketing/ advertising of the brick sales as well. Somers facilities department will be assisting in the construction of the walkway. Tim stated that Somers Community Church would like to help with some funding of the walkway and will continue to be in contact with them.

**Playground Equipment Update**

After looking at several playground equipment companies, Letitia Short reported that she had narrowed down the search to, and have been working with Miller & Associates of northern Wisconsin. She wrote a letter with a breakdown of her findings from her research on the purchase and installation; as well as presented it to the board on February 13th. Miller & Associates president Steve Barritt was also present at the meeting. Park Committee members reviewed and discussed Letitia’s findings. Tori Graham made a motion to accept the proposal to purchase the playground equipment from Miller & Associates. Dan Meyer seconded the motion with all members approving.

**Neumiller Woods/Gitzlaff Park**

Tim Fulton spoke about the upcoming (tentative) plans at Neumiller and Gitlaff Parks. The Pike River Watershed-Based Plan to stabilize and improve the Pike River water that runs through these parks is a crucial piece in completing the entire project. Somers (39%) and Mount Pleasant (30%) represent the largest portions of the watershed at 69%, with Kenosha, Racine, Pleasant Prairie, and Sturtevant making up the balance. To date Somers portion of the watershed is the most contaminated of all the other areas; but the tentative plans would greatly change this if implemented. Other players and organizations working in this project are; U.S. Fish & Wildlife, Ecological Resource Partners (Dr. Neal O’Reilly) and U.W. Milwaukee students. In addition, Pheasant & Quail Forever has expressed a willingness to be involved. Lastly the DNR supports the project since the Pike River ultimately empties into Lake Michigan.

**Adjournment**

6:55 Letitia Short motioned to adjourn seconded by Tim Fulton and approved by all.

 Mark Pellicori (JS)