TOWN OF SOMERS

 7511–12TH STREET

 SOMERS, WI. 53171

 PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

 8/18/2014

1. **Call to Order:** 6:05 Tim Fulton, Mary Lichter, Judy Schantek (Town Supervisor), Dan Meyer, Margie Hannes, Vern Kotten, Jerry Smith (Somers Public Works Superintendent), Mark Pellicori present.
2. **Approval of past minutes:** Mary Lichter motioned to approve he minutes seconded by Dan Meyer and approved by all.
3. **Citizen’s Comments:** None present.
4. **Unfinished Business**: **A.** The parks Committee welcomed new members, Margie Hannes, Vern Kotten, and Jerry Smith. **B. VFW walkway and brick project update:** Jerry Smith handed out blue prints, spoke with Royal (owner’s daughter) about the bricks, when they were to be placed, marketing, etc... Some of the details that were discussed were different from the first conversation (with owner) made by George Stoner. Communication has been poor with Royal since first contact, so a possible alternative company (Unilock) was brought up by Tim Fulton. Dan Meyer has talked with Royal in the past and sees if he can get something definite. Both companies will be contacted for project proposals. Jerry Smith spoke with PCR regarding the cement work. Tinting would double the price ($4000.00) of the cement, and another $2,000.00 if stamping was done. Money for the project will come from impact fees. **C. Playground equipment for Somers Town Hall Park update** Jerry Smith brought pictures of the equipment, and stated September 17 would be the installation date. Existing playground will be re worked or moved out, and uniform mulch (bought from Dejno’s) will be brought in. **D. Reservation fees for VFW pavilion rental** Tim Fulton was assured by Bill Morris that renting the pavilion is possible and permits work have been drawn up for this. Families and groups renting the pavilion would have the opportunity to buy an additional permit for the consumption of alcohol. **E. Fund for Lake Michigan grant update** Tim Fulton reported that the Lake Michigan grant was given to Somers for the reclamation at Neumiller Park. The Somers Town Board is hesitant to accept the grant until clarification as to what exactly the reclamation would entail comes forth.
5. **New Business** Dan Meyer reported that the Pike River cleanup is coming up and is hopeful of another great turnout. He gave an over view of what the cleanup involved, and asked that Somers Parks could be represented in some way at the event.
6. **Additional Comments** **1.)** Tim Fulton will resign being Chairman of the Parks Committee. His last day as chairman will be October 1. Tim has worked tirelessly toward the improvement of Somers park system. The list of achievements are too numerous to mention here. Tim’s comprehensive assessment and ensuing action towards the improvement of Somers Parks has given towns citizens something to be very proud of. He will be missed. **2.)** Tim Fulton spoke about the need for maintenance of the Town Hall rain garden. He mentioned that the possibility of the U. W. Extension master gardeners be given the opportunity to do the maintenance. Margie Hannes said that as a master gardener she has to put in a set amount of volunteer hours to maintain their status; therefore she, (as well as other master gardeners in the town) would welcome an opportunity to put in hours doing this maintenance.
7. **7:13 Motion to Adjourn** Mary Lichter made the motion, Vern Kotten seconded, and all approved.

**Submitted by Mark Pellicori**