**Somers Park Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**11th February 2016**

**Somers Town Hall 7511-12th Street, Somers, WI**

**Call to Order:** 5:36 pm

**Attendance:** Joe Cardinali, Tom Maurer, Steve Maurer, Mike Gorman, Judy Shantek,

Jerry Smith, Greg Retzlaff, Gordan Lake, Tyson Froh, Sherri Heinisch

The following Park Committee Nominees were sworn in at the Town Hall this evening:

Tom Maurer, Sherri Heinisch and Greg Retzlaff accepting a 3-year term

Tyson Froh and Steve Maurer accepting a 2-year term

Judy Schantek and Mike Gorman accepting a 1-year term

Gordon Lake as a 1-year term Reserve

Joe Cardinali as Board Liaison

Nominee Kevin Griffin, as Recreational/Leisure Liaison, was not present

The committee selected Tom Maurer as Chairman, and Sherri Heinisch as Secretary.

**Village Board Report –** Cardinali –There is currently $2075.00 in the budget for Parks and Rec expenses.

**Recreation Report –** Cardianli - The Somers Recreation Program has expanded from basketball and softball to year-round activities including flag football, volleyball and golf, winter soccer clinic and fall soccer league. Having more activities to offer, raising participation fees, and advertising for Bear Realty and Badger Max will increase our revenue. Through equipment donations from Troy Fabiano and by reducing expenses such as trophies-for-all, we will keep our operating expenses down, and we are projecting a net profit from $2,000 - $5,500 this year.

**Public Works Report –** Smith – The north diamond will get new dugouts and painted fences this year. Griffin is coordinating efforts with the Boy Scouts to paint the bleachers. There was a resident request for infant swings in Valley View Park. Due to specifications, we cannot just hang the swings from the existing swing-set. We may be able to take down the sling swings and replace them with the infant swings. Smith will get pricing on a new swing-set that will accommodate infant swings. Due to the large number of trees we lost by the Emerald Ash Bore, we have been accepted for an Urban Forest Grant in the amount of $10,000. Somers needs to match up to $5,000. This can be accomplished through any reforestation efforts such as in-kind labor and any expenses incurred by the logging company to remove the diseased trees.

**Old Business:**  N/A

**New Business:**

1. **Parks/Rec Budget Carryover Resolution –** Cardinali –

The Park Committee passed the Advisory Resolution. Retzlaff moved to adopt

the Resolution as-is, seconded by Gorman. Retzlaff suggested we have a written request in place for transfer of monies should that occur, since all the Park and Rec

profits go into the General Fund. Cardinali will consult with Geersten on the matter.

1. **Website –** Cardinali - The Committee discussed ideas for better advertising the

recreational activities that Somers has to offer, such as adding a new “Somers

Recreational” tab with pull-downs for each sport. Heinisch suggested adding

pictures of the kids engaged in the activities, with the permission of the parents.

Cardinali will get a permission form and have the attorney look at it.

1. **Diamond Lights Resolution –** The three fixtures are 40 years old, half the

lights don’t work and need continual repair.Musco Lighting’s bid was for

$120,000 and includes maintenance and their financing over 25 years. This has

not been budgeted and a 2nd bid has not been presented. Per Tom Maurer the

new LED lights could save $25,000/yr. We collect $15k – 19k each softball season

per Cardinali. Retzlaff discussed the possibility of a 10-yr note using the season’s

revenue to pay it off.Smith will look at Grants for using LED lights and will get

an alternate bid. Rezlaff wants to see a payment plan in place for a comparison

against Musco’s financing. The Park Committee did not pass this Resolution

this evening. The Committee will support the Resolution pending financing

options presented and alternate bid. Retzlaff/Froh.

**Citizen Comments:** None presented

**Next meeting:** TBD pending financing options and 2nd bid in relation to Diamond

Lighting Resolution.

**Adjournment:** 7:05 pm

Respectfully Submitted By:

Sherri Heinisch

Somers Park Committee Secretary