

Town of Somerset
P.O. Box 248
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Park and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes May 5, 2008

Parks Committee Members Present: Denise Gunderson, Lenny Germain, John Gunther, Virginia Gaynor, Paul Boerger, Bill Lawson, Jean Hoffman

Visitors: Angela Popenhagen from Stevens Engineers

Public: Larry and Liz Wolf 294 165th Ave. Somerset

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda made by B. Lawson, seconded by V. Gaynor. All approved

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

April 7, 2008 Motion to approve minutes made by P. Boerger, seconded by J. Hoffman. All approved.

Set Date and Time for Next Meeting:

Meeting set for June 2, 7:00 p.m.

Public Input:

Larry and Liz Wolf expressed concerns about the proposed trail off of 165th Ave. They are concerned that, when made public, the trail will invite unwanted traffic onto the private road that runs through their property and that of several other neighbors. Group decided to designate the trail as private property with no public access, and add an accompanying statement to the proposed trail map.

L. Wolf pointed out that 165th Ave. is mislabeled on both maps. A. Popenhagen said she would make the correction. These changes will be on the updated map.

Discussion Areas, Activities, and Actions:

1. Parks and Recreation Map and Proposed Trail Corridor Map: Members discussed and requested additional changes to be made on both maps Updated maps will show those changes.
2. Park Plan: A. Popenhagen outlined minor changes made on park plan since April 7, 2008 meeting. Members discussed and requested additional changes to be reflected on revised draft.

D. Gunderson confirmed that Stevens Engineering will give the committee the plan and maps in both PDF format and Microsoft Word format when plan is finished. A. Popenhagen confirmed that would be the case.

A. Popenhagen stated that survey done in July 2006 could not be found on town website. D. Gunderson confirmed that she would get the survey to Angela to be part of the park plan.

3. CIP. A. Popenhagen recommended that items to be prioritized be placed appropriately on 5 year CIP. Members placed existing items and added new ones 2008 through 2012. Angela will consolidate remaining items for consideration, but keep them specific.
4. Approval of Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan 2008-2012: W. Lawson moved to approve the park plan with recommended changes and to recommend the plan to the Town Board for approval. J. Gunther seconded. All Approved.
5. Ball fields/ Land search: D. Gunderson reported that two landowners responded to the advertisement for parkland. One was from the Plourdes-- 40 acres off County Road I, and the other from the Germains-- 70 acres off HWY 35. Members will continue to explore the two offers along with several other possibilities for parkland.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Submitted by J. Hoffman