

**Town of Somerset
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
Monday Sept 8, 2008
7:00 pm at the Town Hall**

Call to Order: D. Gunderson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Roll Call: Committee members present: Denise Gunderson, Paul Boerger, Virginia Gaynor, Jean Hoffman

Absent: Bill Lawson, John Gunther

Also present: Lenny Germain, Ryan Sicard, Peggy Grubbs, Ralph Pullmann, Doug Hoskin, Carol, Boerger, Julia Ybarra-Young

Approval of Agenda: Boerger moved, Hoffman seconded approval of agenda.
All approved

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Boerger moved, Hoffman seconded approval of minutes. All approved

Set the Date and Time of the Next Meeting: October 6, 2008 Somerset Town Hall, 7 pm

Discussion Areas, Activities and Actions:

- R. Sicard went over Village of Somerset parks and rec plan with group. He explained how the plan was put together, some of its content, and he showed maps of village including present and proposed parks, trails. Some discussion of safe routes to school and policies regarding future developments and trails.

D. Gunderson reported that Brad Nemecek wants to make parks/fields a cooperative effort with the nearby municipalities to combine funding to develop parks/ fields in community.

She used Forest Lake, MN as a good example of how communities can work together to accomplish this. Denise recommended that Somerset village and town meet (quarterly or as needed) to communicate and see about working together on projects.

- Town of Somerset Parks and Rec: D. Gunderson announced that the Town of Somerset Parks and Recreation Plan was approved . Copies are available at the town hall, and the plan will be posted on the town website.
- Pine Lake has new parking stalls, and a fishing pier will be installed this year as a result of the new plan and a DNR grant.
- D. Gunderson suggested that the committee take a look at the Lucy Winton Bell ball fields in Afton, MN
- Doug Hoskin, St. Croix National went over some of the activities/events the golf course is considering. He discussed possibilities of tubing, snowboarding, hiking, cross country skiing at the St. Croix National and reminded group there are 4.5 miles of paved trails on site.
- Town of Star Prairie and Vision 64: Discussion of a trail running along 80th street when the road is repaired.

P. Grubbs suggested that a master calendar for Somerset community be online announcing community events. She will look to *New Richmond News* to see if there is a possibility to use their website for this.

The next Vision 64 meeting will be October 13, 2008 at the Star Prairie Town Hall at 7pm

Adjourn: meeting adjourned at 8:40pm
Submitted by J. Hoffman