

**Town of Somerset
Parks, Recreation & Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 21, 2025
(Unofficial Until Approved at Next Meeting)**

Call to Order & Roll Call: Chair Plourde called the Parks, Rec & Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:00 pm. A quorum was established with the following members present Tabatha Hansen, Joe Jahnke, Lenny Germain, Larry Rauch, Bill Lawson, Jeri Koester, and Doug Plourde.

Approval of Agenda & Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion by Jahnke, seconded by Lawson to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Motion by Lawson, seconded by Jahnke to approve the March 19, 2025 PRPC meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Public Input: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business—Land Divisions: Scott & Joy Peterson/Doug Zahler Auth Consulting-Parcel Number 032-1046-50-235 (2125 40th Street) Owned by Susan & Thomas Stebbing-2 Lot CSM: Zahler presented a concept map for Scott & Joy Peterson discussing the shared driveway easement for Lots #4 & #5. Zahler stated there is room for a driveway access off 40th Street, however, Peterson wants to use the existing driveway to access his property and build a new home. Peterson proposes to build a cul-de-sac to serve the lots and divide off 2 new lots. Plourde stated he does not want to give exceptions to Town ordinance due to it setting a precedent. Koester stated there is room and separation for a driveway off 40th Street and Peterson could create a 2 lot CSM with a shared driveway to serve his two proposed lots. Plourde stated the Town has been firm on this ordinance. Lawson concurred. Plourde stated since you do have access off 40th Street, there is no hardship. Hansen agreed. Plourde stated the preferred layout is the driveway off 40th Street and not the cul-de-sac. Germain stated the cul-de-sac could be built all the way to the end of the 66' access and then Berger could refigure and re-split a lot, and Peterson could further split Lot #2. Plourde stated either the cul-de-sac goes to the end of the easement, or the driveway is off 40th Street. Peterson was advised to return to the Planning Commission with a more detailed map.

St. Croix AR-Al Wittstock/Doug Zahler Auth Consulting-Final Plat of Major Subdivision-Hillside Estates off 70th Street, 19 Lots: Zahler explained new St. Croix Co. process and final approval must be received prior to construction of roads. 70th Street extension of road and final plat with surmountable curb on south side and 3' boulevard. The grade will drop, and the pipe will divert the water to the storm pond on Lot #19 and when full it is diverted to the big pond on Lots #1-#5. Discussion on wetlands, drainage easements, naming of new roadways. Motion by Lawson, seconded by Jahnke to recommend approval of the Hillside Estates Final Plat to the Town Board. Motion carried.

Parks & Recreation: Parnell Prairie Preserve: Electricity to Shelter, Expansion of Paved Parking Lot-Request for Sealed Bids, Signage: Shelter has been electrified with 3 outlets, parking lot expansion is out for bid. Germain questioned if there was a map of the cap. Discussion. Plourde suggested Germain check into that with DNR. Witzmann was in attendance and stated that the Town has the authority to reject all bids if necessary. Discussion on general mowing of trails and who mows what. Witzmann discussed signage that is proposed. Witzmann inquired if the Village has contacted the Town regarding future park needs. No one was aware of any contact by Village.

Announcements & Adjourn: Larry Rauch announced he will be resigning from the Parks, Rec & Planning Commission effective this meeting. Plourde thanked Rauch for his many years of service to the Town. Motion by Rauch, seconded by Germain to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Jeri Koester,
Clerk