

**Town of Somerset
Parks, Recreation & Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 18, 2025
(Unofficial Until Approved at Next Meeting)**

Call to Order & Roll Call: Chair Plourde called the Parks, Rec & Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:30 pm. A quorum was established with the following members present Tabatha Hansen, Lenny Germain, Bill Lawson, Jeri Koester, and Doug Plourde. Absent: Joe Jahnke.

Approval of Agenda & Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion by Lawson, seconded by Hansen to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Plourde stated an error on the previous meeting minutes that states to the end of the property, and it should state to the end of the easement for Scott & Joy Peterson. Motion by Hansen, seconded by Lawson to approve the May 21 PRPC meeting minutes with the correction noted. Motion carried.

Public Input: Rob Benson concerned if Lot #2 is every developed, where would the Town Road be as it is directly across from his driveway. Benson concerned of a roadway across from his driveway.

Old Business: None.

New Business—Oath of Office was given to Tabatha Hansen, reappointed for a 3-year term.

Process for Appointing a Parks, Rec & Planning Commission Member to Fill Larry Rauch's 1-year term remaining- Plourde stated any interested residents should send in a letter of interest or resume by July 1 to either Koester or himself.

Land Divisions-Concept Map/4 Lot Minor CSM for Kurt & Elizabeth Christensen/Mark Mcclenathan Auth Consulting off County Road I, Lots 1, 2, 3 4: Concept for future development as presented. Mcclenathan stated St. Croix County Hwy. Dept. has okayed the driveways off County I. Lot 1 & 3 separate driveways, Lots 2 & 4 would share a driveway. Lawson stated actual driveway for Lot #2 should be 200 from County Road I. Germain discussed future town road stub through 217th Avenue, why doesn't the driveway access off 217th Ave. Discussion. Consensus was no issues with the concept map.

GV Investments/Doug Zahler Auth Consulting-2 Lot CSM off 208th Avenue and Shared Driveway Maintenance Agreement: Zahler stated real intent of the map is to just create Lot #1 but under new SCC Ordinance landowner is required to map the whole 45 acres. There is a shared driveway proposed with a shared driveway maintenance agreement, and that is the only access point on 208th Avenue. Zahler stated Lot #2 would not be created but due to the SCC Ordinance, it must be platted. As far as SCC is concerned, this is an administrative CSM. If development occurred on Lot #2, the shared driveway would become a Town road with the 66' access. Discussion on obtaining a driveway permit and recording the shared driveway maintenance agreement. No concerns from the Planning Commission. Rod Benson asked if it is possible for a town road to go in there without 400' of site distance. Zahler stated 383' along property and 56' along curve and with cleaning the road right-of-way, it should meet Town ordinance. Motion by Lawson, seconded by Hansen, to recommend approval to the Town Board for the CSM and the shared driveway maintenance agreement. Motion carried.

Parks & Recreation-Parnell Prairie Preserve: Plourde stated there was bidding and Allied Blacktop has been put on hold until the DNR permit issue is resolved. Project is on hold. Witzmann is doing research and contacting the DNR. Mowing plans have been developed by Demulling and road crew.

Announcements & Adjourn: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Germain to adjourn. Motion carried.

Jeri Koester,
Clerk