

**Town of Somerset
Parks, Recreation & Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 16, 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, Joe Jahnke, Russ Hultman Bill Lawson, Jeri Koester, and Doug Plourde. Absent: Lenny Germain.

Approval of Agenda & Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion by Hansen, seconded by Jahnke to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Motion by Lawson, seconded by Jahnke to approve June 18, 2025, PRPC meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Public Input: Matt Ledvina, 1816-45th Street, resident across the street from Parnell Prairie Preserve stated the park has changed over the last three years and it is an asset to the community creating more people and more traffic into that area. Ledvina concerned with the hours the park is open 5 am- 10 pm. Ledvina stated when it is dark outside, there is no public use for that park, and his concern is with cars meeting in the parking lot after dark. Ledvina suggested the hours of operation should be modified to ½ hour after sunset. Deborah Ledvina, 1816-45th Street, also commented on Parnell Prairie Preserve with her concerns about the sign. Currently, the sign states no hunting, no discharging of weapons, hours of operations, please clean up after dog/take trash and foot traffic only. Ledvina suggested no fireworks be added to the sign and requested all dogs be required to be leashed. Deborah Ledvina also commented about the pesticide spraying that was done. The pesticide signs give no details where the spraying was done as there were just two little signs by the shelter and not indication to what extent the spraying extended to the park.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Oath of Office was given to Joseph Jahnke, reappointed for a 3-year term and Russ Hultman, appointed for a 1-year term to fill Larry Rauch's position.

Land Divisions-3 LOT CSM for Jeffrey & Jacqueline Brenizer/Greg Lundquist St. Croix Surveying-160th Avenue and 40th Street, Lot #1=6.83 acres, Lot #2=6.77 acres, Lot #3=13.67 acres: Discussion on ensuring 200' separation is able to be met for Laura Rydberg's parcel to the north of Lot #1. Lundquist will confirm driveways and stake. Discussion on moving Lot #3 driveway to 160th Avenue instead of 40th Street. Lundquist stated he had no opposition to moving the driveway to 160th Ave. Plourde stated he would like to see the driveway located on the longer, straight stretch of 160th Ave. Consensus was changing Lot #1 & Lot #2 to 5.9 acres, confirm the 200' driveway separation for Rydberg's property, and move the driveway for Lot #3 to 160th Avenue. Motion by Jahnke, seconded by Hultman to approve the 3 Lot CSM for Greg Lundquist/Jeffrey & Jacqueline Brenizer with the above-listed changes for Town Board. Motion carried.

Parks & Recreation: Parnell Prairie Preserve Update/Discussion: QR Code for Donations: A QR Code has been set up through HeyGov/HeyPay for online donations to the disc golf course and mowing. Signage will be posted at PPP.

Mowing & Maintenance: Town has created a plan with Town road crew and DLC for maintenance for mowing.

Porta Potty: Raska is vendor for portable toilet.

Parking Lot/Blacktop & DNR Permits: Plourde stated parking lot extension is on hold. DNR mitigation on all projects.

Announcements & Adjourn: Motion by Hansen, seconded by Jahnke to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Jeri Koester,
Clerk