

RESOLUTION 2026-020

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOMERS VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APPROVING THE INSTALLATION OF A BENCH AND
LITTLE LIBRARY ON THE PLAYGROUND
AT VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK**

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Somers has historically made the parks available for use by Village or Town residents; and

WHEREAS, it has been and continues to be the policy of the Village of Somers not to discriminate on the basis of race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, or ethnic background; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Village Board to allow for the use of the Playground by residents; and

WHEREAS, Somers resident Kristen McCollum started the Bailey's Heartprints organization in memory of her son Bailey McCollum who died in a car crash; and

WHEREAS, a Buddy Bench is designed to be a place where one can sit when feeling lonely and signals others to come and ask to play; and

WHEREAS, there are over 2,000 benches found on playgrounds and parks across the United States; and

WHEREAS, Kristen McCollum and the Bailey's Heartprints organization is donating the bench and a "small library" containing park appropriate games for residents to use;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Somers supports the installation of a bench and small library on the Veteran's Memorial Park Playground as directed by Village Staff.

Dated at Somers, Wisconsin, this 13th day of Aug, 2026.

VILLAGE OF SOMERS

By: George Stoner

George Stoner, President

Attest:  _____
Wendy Burnette, Clerk/Treasurer

Village of Somers

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF
SOMERS & KRISTEN MCCOLLUM, REGARDING THE INSTALLATION AND
MAINTENANCE OF A BENCH AND LITTLE LIBRARY ON THE
PLAYGROUND AT VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK**

This agreement is between the Village of Somers ("Village") and Kristen McCollum ("Resident").

WHEREAS, Mrs. McCollum, a resident of the Village, requested permission from the Village to install a bench and little library on the playground at Veteran's Memorial Park;

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Resident to keep contact information current with the Village;

WHEREAS, installation and location need to be coordinated with the Village;

WHEREAS, The Village reserves the right to move or remove the bench and/or library for safety reason at any time;

WHEREAS, the Resident is responsible for maintenance and/or replacement of the bench and library. Should they failed to be maintained, the Village reserves the right to remove them;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village and the Resident agree to the forementioned terms of this Agreement.

Dated this 17th day of August, 2026


George Stoner, President


Kristen McCollum, Resident

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