

# ***Somerville Recreation Commission***

Somerville New Jersey

March 16, 2016

A special session of the Somerville Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at the BOE Office, Conference Room, 51 West Cliff Street, Somerville, New Jersey. The meeting came to order at 7:05 pm.

## ***ROLL CALL:***

**PRESENT:** (Chairman) Tammy Stouchko, Christopher Peake, Jay Scott, Luc Sergile, (Council Liaison) Jason Kraska, (Recreation Director) Kathy Gerndt. Daniel Kumar arrived late.

**VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE:** Ken Cornell

**ABSENT:** (Alternate) Jon Roethke

Chairman Tammy Stouchko opened the meeting and stated, *"The meeting will please come to order. Adequate notice of this meeting as required by the Open Meeting Act has been provided in that on January 1, 2015 a copy of a notice specifying the time, location and date was (1) posted upon the bulletin board outside of Borough Hall, (2) mailed to the Courier News, and (3) given to the Clerk Administrator. If any member of this body believes this meeting is being held in violations of the Open Meeting Act, please state your views at this time."*

Hearing none, we moved to the next item on the agenda.

## ***APPROVAL OF MINUTES:***

A motion was made by L. Sergile and seconded by T. Stouchko to approve the February 3 minutes. Motion was approved 3-0-1 (Sergile abstained, Kumar wasn't present). It was noted that the March 2 meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum.

***OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:*** None

## ***COMMUNICATION:***

- 1) Received a scholarship request from Somerville High School. J. Scott made a motion to approve scholarships totalling \$1050 to Somerville High (\$500), Immaculata High School (\$500), and Somerville Middle School (\$50). T. Stouchko seconded; motion passed 6-0.
- 2) Received a request from the Martin Luther King Youth Center to utilize Lepp Pool this summer. Request couldn't be considered since pool hours haven't been established. Item was tabled.
- 3) K. Gerndt reported that letters were sent to Bound Brook, Bridgewater, Manville, and Raritan regarding the closure of the main Wheelpark and suspension of shared services agreement for 2016.

## ***DIRECTOR & COMMITTEE REPORTS:***

1. **DIRECTOR-** K. Gerndt reported the following:

- Summer Playground (Camp) details will be announced shortly. Registration will most likely be held late April. Need to hire (4) counselors. Children entering grades 2-6; 75 kids (max); residents only. July 11 – August 5, 10am-3pm, weather permitting. Fee: \$80.
- Facilities fee schedule has been submitted to Green Acres for approval as mandated.
- Carol Pager Playground ribbon cutting ceremony is tentatively planned for 11am on April 2. Announcement will be made ASAP. A cardiologist from Medicor will also be attending for the AED dedication and demonstration.
- Vandalism has already occurred at the Playground. Police report was filed.
- Spring flyer has been mass distributed. Two new adult programs were added – Zumba and Pickleball.
- Borough website is being redesigned. Development and implementation is expected to take 3 months.

- Global Inventors – we had enough participants to hold program and as a result will be donating a 3D printer to VDV School.
  - Easter Festival will be held indoors on March 19<sup>th</sup> due to the weather. Members of the SHS Key Club will be assisting, as will our bunny, Sam Beach. Egg hunt begins at 9 am.
  - Draft of Annual Report was distributed. D. Kumar offered to assist with formatting. T. Stouchko requested that it be presented to Mayor and Council. J. Kraska will have it placed on agenda.
  - K. Gerndt suggested that the Survey Monkey Pool survey results be published on the website, and the commission agreed.
  - K. Gerndt thanked the Commission for the opportunity to attend the NJRPA annual conference in Atlantic City. The classes, networking, sharing of ideas and material is invaluable. Kathy attended classes pertaining to finance, communication, and aquatics.
2. **FACILITIES**
  3. **FINANCE** –Edmunds and Community Pass reports were distributed. Current balances were provided.
  4. **PERSONNEL**
  5. **PROGRAMS**
  6. **LIAISON-** Councilman, J. Kraska reported that
    - The Borough has applied for a CDBG grant to improve the water park facility at John Long Park.
    - The Borough has had discussions with SBI regarding field maintenance. SBI will be holding their field day clean up on March 19<sup>th</sup>.
    - Exploring the option of holding a Turkey Trot in Somerville with a race organizer
    - Discussed the need to offer programs for seniors. K. Gerndt stressed the need to form a group and hold monthly socials so that we can better identify their needs. J. Scott volunteered to chair this initiative.
    - Another Commissioner should be appointed by the next meeting.
    - Asked if there are any areas for volunteers to concentrate cleaning up on April 23<sup>rd</sup> (Earth Day).

## ***OLD BUSINESS:***

- 1) **MUSCO Lighting/Control Link for Van Derveer:** K. Gerndt presented three independent quotes from MUSCO which were reviewed and discussed: (1) Purchase and Installation of Control Link System (2) Full re-lamp (3) Fix lamp outages only. T. Stouchko made a motion to approve spending \$21,400 on the purchase of the Control Link system and full re-lamp (Items #1 and #2). J. Scott seconded the motion, which passed 6-0. There was a brief discussion as to whether or not the system would be LED compatible, additional costs, and if the project required additional bids. K. Gerndt will inquire and proceed with judgement.
- 2) **Pool Operations:** C. Peake reviewed a sub-committee report that was submitted by Peake, Scott, Gerndt, and Cesario. Recommendations included staggering the hours of operation; eliminating private pool parties; requiring pre-registration; hiring a full time adult manager; implementing a guest policy; and issuing badges. The commission seemed to be in agreement, and asked K. Gerndt to get management fees based on these suggestions.

Bathroom facilities at Lepp Park were also discussed. The sub-committee expressed concerns with adequacy of present facilities and rentals, as well as the cleanliness, and hours. The spray park has created problems. Possible solution might be to reconfigure fencing. J. Kraska will ask Borough for assistance.

## ***NEW BUSINESS:***

- 1) **Memorial Day Bicycle Events-** K. Gerndt reported that the Race Committee would like to continue holding the Family Fun Ride at ten o'clock, but move the sprint races to 1:30pm which is 45 minutes prior to Pro events. Change in suggested format is in response to be more community based, provide greater exposure, and more exciting for kids. Names would be in official race program, announced, press coverage, podium, etc. The proposal was briefly discussed but tabled due to safety concerns and logistics.

***APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:***

A motion was made by T. Stouchko and seconded by C. Peake to approve vouchers (1-21) for payment. Motion was approved 6-0.

***EXECUTIVE SESSION:*** None.

***RESOLUTIONS:*** None.

***ADJOURNMENT:***

There being no further business T. Stouchko made a motion to adjourn, and L. Sergile seconded the motion. It was approved 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, April 6 at 7:00 pm; at the Board of Education Office- Conference Room – 51 West Cliff Street, Somerville, NJ 08876.

Kathy Gerndt  
Acting as Secretary

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