

Somerville Recreation Commission

Somerville New Jersey

May 4, 2016

The regularly scheduled session of the Somerville Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at the BOE Office, Conference Room, 51 West Cliff Street, Somerville, New Jersey. The meeting came to order at 7:01 pm.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: (Chairman) Tammy Stouchko, Ken Cornell, Jennifer Gander, Christopher Peake, Jay Scott, Luc Sergile, (Council Liaison) Jason Kraska, (Recreation Director) Kathy Gerndt

ABSENT: Daniel Kumar, (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, 2016 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 K. Cornell and seconded by J. Scott to approve the April 6 minutes. Motion was approved 4-0-1 (Gander abstained; Sergile late).

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: None

COMMUNICATION:

DIRECTOR & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- DIRECTOR-** K. Gerndt introduced and welcomed the newest Commissioner, Jennifer Gander; and reported that
 - Work still hasn't been completed at Carol Pager Park, and there are concerns about the installation of the tiles. The Borough is withholding payment and prepared to take action against Z Tech, if necessary.
 - MUSCO Lighting has been begun working at VDV. Completion is contingent upon weather.
 - Pool registration is open – please encourage residents to register via Community Pass so that accurate information is obtained.
 - Family Fun Ride registration is also open. Participants must register by May 16th in order to be guaranteed a t-shirt. Main sponsors are the ELKS, PBA, Personalized Paraphernalia, & SRC.
 - More participants are needed for pickleball on Thursday nights at VDV gym, 7-9pm. Equipment and instruction are provided. \$5/night at the door.
 - Summer programs are being finalized. Flyer should be ready for distribution next week. Plans for the summer playground program are on hold – need to secure an indoor safety plan. Meeting with the YMCA to discuss.
 - Schools have been notified that we're no longer permitted to provide scholarships.
 - Agreement between BOE and REC needs to be updated. (11/18/13) Expanded to include Borough and not just for the use and maintenance of VDV fields.
 - Website is currently static – unable to update.
 - Staffing needs should be readdressed to include a F/T program coordinator and seasonal DPW/REC foreman.

2. FACILITIES

3. FINANCE - March 31 balances were provided; Community Pass & Edmunds reports were distributed. T. Stouchko requested program P&L reports; J. Gander offered assistance.

4. PERSONNEL

5. PROGRAMS - T. Stouchko suggested holding a pickleball demonstration at National Night Out. K. Gerndt will see if the basketball courts are a suitable location.

6. WEBSITE

7. LIAISON- Councilman, J. Kraska reported that

- A 5k Turkey Trot may be held this year if sponsors are secured.
- A suitable location needs to be identified for senior programming/meetings that is ADA compliant and available on a regular basis.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Community Pools - K. Gerndt said that she was advised by K. Sluka not to sign the contract with USA Pools of NJ because it exceeded the forty thousand dollar threshold which requires sealed bids. USA Pools and Preferred Pool Management were given the opportunity to submit modified proposals.

K. Cornell made a motion to allow K. Gerndt to enter into a one year contract (not to exceed \$39,750) with PPM pending Kevin's approval. C. Peake seconded the motion which passed 5-0 (Sergile – late).

2. MLK Pool Request – The Commission granted permission under the same terms as 2015. Requested that buses not be allowed to park on Park Avenue.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Senior Wellness Center at Bridgewater - Somerset County T. Stouchko attended the ribbon cutting ceremony and encouraged K. Gerndt to continue to promote the extensive programming that is being offered.

2. Wheelpark- K. Cornell reported that a group of volunteers will begin working on the smaller park within the next couple of weeks. Once that area is completed, the dirt track will be addressed, and lastly the main park will be dismantled. The smaller park for children ages five years and older should be ready to open by July 1. Registrations stickers will not be required.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: A motion was made by J. Scott and seconded by K. Cornell to approve vouchers (1-14) for payment. Motion was approved 6-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business J. Scott made a motion to adjourn, and L. Sergile seconded the motion. It was approved 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, June 1 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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