

# **Somerville Recreation Commission**

Somerville New Jersey

July 6, 2016

July 6, 2016 at the BOE Office, Conference Room, 51 West Cliff Street, Somerville, New Jersey.

The meeting came to order at 7:02 pm.

## **ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Ken Cornell, Daniel Kumar, Christopher Peake, Jay Scott, Luc Sergile, (Council Liaison) Jason Kraska, and (Recreation Director) Kathy Gerndt

**ABSENT:** (Chairman) Tammy Stouchko, Jennifer Gander, and (Alternate) Jon Roethke

Vice Chairman Daniel Kumar 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 June 1 minutes. Motion was approved 3-0-2 (Kumar & Sergile sustained).

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

## **COMMUNICATION:**

Mathews (Non-resident) – regarding the status of the skatepark. Director, K. Gerndt replied to the family citing safety reasons, and that the future use of that area has yet to be determined.

Daniel Rogers (Eagle Scout candidate) – seeking permission to install a “Little Free Library”. Similar proposals have already been rejected by Council. K. Gerndt will reply accordingly.

## **DIRECTOR & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **DIRECTOR-** K. Gerndt reported that:
  - Both pools opened as scheduled on June 25. Over 1500 individuals have registered to date. Badge issuance has been well received by residents.
  - Kick off meeting with T and M is scheduled for July 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss possible new aquatic facility.
  - Pool bathrooms and field maintenance continue to be problematic. Considering hiring a seasonal PT maintenance worker. Four hours per day; \$10/hr.
  - Wheel park demolition (Phase 1) is complete. Have begun research to determine suitable options for site (Phase 2). Meeting with a representative from the USTA to get a site proposal and to determine eligibility for grants. Jenn Gander did some preliminary research regarding costs of a new concrete wheel park – reasonable budget would be 110-150k.
  - Fall soccer league registration is open – deadline is Aug. 10. Set up parameters in CP based on available coaches, and min/max number of players per team. The League is now requiring Administrators and all coaches to attend preseason meeting.
  - The website completion date has been pushed back until September. REC content is current.
  - Concept plans for proposed spray park at John Long Park have been received. Equipment costs are approximately \$42k plus freight. Overall project cost, about 100k.

- Refund policy – would like to establish a broader refund policy. Will bring suggested language to next meeting. Cancellations are problematic especially for after school programming.
  - Carol Payer Playground- Trust account was charged 10k for additional costs (engineering, inspections, etc.)
  - Adult Open Pickleball is being offered free of charge to residents during the months of July and August on M/W/F from 1-3pm at the Van Derveer gym. Ken Cornell is supervising.
- **FACILITIES**
  - **FINANCE** - May 31 balances were provided.
  - **PERSONNEL**
  - **PROGRAMS**
  - **WEBSITE**
  - **LONG RANGE PLANNING** - C. Peake reported that a LR plan should be established by year end. Would like to seek input regarding facilities and programming through public surveys and open forums. J. Kraska reiterated the importance and necessity of formulating a LR (3-5 year) plan.
  - **LIAISON**- Councilman, J. Kraska reported that
    - The next Active Adults/Seniors monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at the Somerville Library at 6:30pm. Plans are underway for a September kickoff event.
    - Resolution 16-0705-281 was approved by Council allowing an event to be held at Lepp Park on Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>.
    - Received an inquiry regarding establishing a dog park in town. K. Gerndt will research liability, etc. and contact Raritan and SCPC for input.
    - Suggested that the Commission hold a public informational meeting regarding the Skatepark demolition and future plans. After a brief discussion, the commission decided to hold a special public meeting immediately following the Aug 3 meeting. K. Gerndt will legally advertise the 8pm meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:** A motion was made by J. Scott and seconded by K. Cornell to approve vouchers (1-13) for payment. Motion was approved 5-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

**RESOLUTIONS:** None.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business J. Scott made a motion to adjourn, and C. Peake seconded the motion. It was approved 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, August 3 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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