

# **Somerville Recreation Commission**

Somerville New Jersey

September 7, 2016

September 7, 2016 at the BOE Office, Conference Room, 51 West Cliff Street, Somerville, New Jersey.

The meeting came to order at 7:08 pm.

## **ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** (Chairman) Tammy Stouchko, Ken Cornell, Jennifer Gander, Christopher Peake, Jay Scott, Luc Sergile, and (Recreation Director) Kathy Gerndt

**ABSENT:** Daniel Kumar, (Alternate) Jon Roethke, and (Council Liaison) Jason Kraska

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 J. Scott and seconded by K. Cornell to approve the August 3 regular minutes. Motion was approved 4-0-2 (Stouchko and Sergile abstained).

A motion was made by J. Gander and seconded by J. Scott to approve the August 3 special meeting minutes. Motion was approved 4-0-2 (Stouchko and Sergile abstained).

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** None

## **COMMUNICATION:**

1. K. Gerndt reported that letters were sent to Bridgewater, Manville, Bound Brook, and Raritan informing them that the Skatepark has been demolished. She thanked them for their support over the years, and promised to keep them informed about future plans.

## **DIRECTOR & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **DIRECTOR-** K. Gerndt reported that:
  1. Both pools have been covered and winterized. Pool membership and attendance reports were distributed and discussed, as were recommendations from PPM for next season.
  2. Fall registration is open – flyer was distributed. K. Gerndt highlighted two new events - the Senior Bus Trip and 5K Turkey Trot.
  3. Website redesign – anticipated launch date is the end of September. Recreation information has been migrated appropriately. Content is up to date. User training sessions will be held.
  4. Ellsworth Van Fleet Gardens – Jay Scott and Frank Quinn will be cleaning up gardens and planting additional items, and devising a regular, periodic maintenance schedule. Middle Earth will provide volunteers to assist with their efforts.
  5. Potential Eagle Scout project- a candidate has proposed to rejuvenate the basketball court in the spring at Carol Pager Sports Complex. No further details are available at this time.
- **FACILITIES**
- **FINANCE** - July 31 balances were provided.
- **PERSONNEL**
- **PROGRAMS**

- **WEBSITE**
- **LONG RANGE PLANNING** - C. Peake questioned what the expectations of the LRP should be, and whether or not we should engage in outside, professional service. K. Gerndt encouraged commissioners to read the 2006 study that was completed, noting that much of the material was still relevant. She offered to get estimates for such services, including an update from previous firm, but indicated it may not be fiscally responsible. J. Gander suggested soliciting RFP's that would have three separate components – assessment, maintenance schedule, and LRP.
- **LIAISON**- Absent

### ***OLD BUSINESS:***

1. Skate park Special Meeting – A brief discussion was held regarding the suggestions and concerns that were expressed by residents. Commission was pleased with turnout, and recommendations.
2. Somerville 5K Turkey Trot- A 5K race will be held on Thanksgiving morning in Somerville beginning at 9am. All proceeds will benefit Somerville Recreation programming. A sponsorship package and volunteer sign-up sheet will be available shortly. Participants can register at <https://runsSignup.com/somerville5k>

### ***NEW BUSINESS:***

1. Clarks Wood Trailer - K. Gerndt stated that the Borough would like to auction off the rights to have the abandoned trailer removed from the parking lot while it may still have some value. The empty trailer is considered a liability and aesthetically unattractive. T. Stouchko made a motion authorizing the Borough to proceed with such action; K. Cornell seconded the motion which passed 6-0. K. Gerndt will verify that no costs will be incurred by the SRC, and that proceeds will directly benefit Recreation.

### ***COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS:***

1. J. Scott thanked Director Gerndt for a successful pool season
2. K. Cornell stated his desire to partner with the YMCA on a joint pickleball program that would utilize Y facilities during the daytime hours, and perhaps BOE property during the evening.
3. L. Sergile said that the BOE Athletic Committee would be meeting on Monday, September 12 to continue discussions regarding proposed agreements between the BOE, Borough, and Rec Commission. VDV fields are also slated to be discussed.

***APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:*** A motion was made by K. Cornell and seconded by J. Scott to approve vouchers (1-8) for payment. Motion was approved 6-0.

***EXECUTIVE SESSION:*** None.

***RESOLUTIONS:*** None.

### ***ADJOURNMENT:***

There being no further business K. Cornell made a motion to adjourn, and J. Gander seconded the motion. It was approved 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, October 5th 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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