

Somerville Recreation Commission

Somerville New Jersey

October 5, 2016

October 5, 2016 at the BOE Office, Conference Room, 51 West Cliff Street, Somerville, New Jersey.

The meeting came to order at 7:04 pm.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: (Chairman) Tammy Stouchko, Ken Cornell, Jennifer Gander, Jay Scott, and (Recreation Director) Kathy Gerndt

ABSENT: Daniel Kumar, Christopher Peake, Luc Sergile, (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 September 7th regular minutes. Motion was approved 4-0.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

1. Nick Stouchko, Imperial Drive, Somerville. Nick proposed improving the property on Mastogen Drive adjacent to the high school. The idea was presented as a potential Eagle Scout project that would be completed by his friend, Greg Wilson who was unable to attend the meeting. The Commission encouraged Nick and Greg to submit a detailed proposal that includes long term maintenance projections. Their vision is to provide tables and benches so that students will be able to utilize that area during lunch breaks, etc. Nick was also advised to seek permission from the school administrators before proceeding further.

COMMUNICATION: None

DIRECTOR & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **DIRECTOR-** K. Gerndt reported that:
 1. Basketball and wrestling registration is open – distribute flyer. Note space is limited. Registrations are being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.
 2. All soccer goals and nets have been either repaired or replaced – and properly anchored.
 3. The new website launched on Oct. 3. Attended training session today and can now update info. Added a social media feed.
 4. Elsworth Van Fleet Gardens – much progress has been made thanks to Frank Quinn. Volunteers from Middle Earth have been assisting, along with Jay Scott and myself.
 5. Minor vandalism was discovered at Carol Pager – chess benches were cracked. Police report was filed.
 6. Attended two Back to School Nights at VD to meet and greet parents, and to answer any questions pertaining to REC.
 7. PTO approached us about partnering on a Halloween event on Friday, Oct 28th. We had previously expressed interest - however we declined due to known conflicts with the DSA's Spooktacular on Division St and the Y's Family Night – both of which been very popular and well attended in the past.
 8. Budget meetings commence next week on Oct 12. Capital requests are due by Nov 14

9. Pool meeting is scheduled with T and M Assoc., and Atlantic Aquatic for Oct 17.

- **FACILITIES**
- **FINANCE** - August 31 balances were provided. J. Scott offered to assist with budget preparations.
- **PERSONNEL**
- **PROGRAMS**
- **WEBSITE**
- **LONG RANGE PLANNING** – J. Gander suggested that Commissioners assess our parks using a facilities form that Bernards Parks & Rec utilizes. Jenn will contact committee members for approval before distributing.
- **LIAISON- (ABSENT)** - K. Gerndt read the following report that Jason Kraska submitted.
 - Senior meeting recap ideas for future – luncheon, senior prom, school recitals
 - Senior bus trip Thursday
 - Turkey Trot update –Volunteers are needed for race morning.
 - Beat the Streets update
 - Press releases for above will be submitted
 - Chambres Park – Community Meeting will be held on Thursday, Oct 13 at 6:30pm at St. Paul’s Church on Hamilton St.
 - Attending pool concept meeting
 - Working with Duke Farms
 - CDBG Grant- should hear determination this week.
 - Working on different avenue to resolve DPW issues
 - Van Derveer update (ask Luc to provide update) *L. Sergile was absent.*

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. K. Gerndt suggested that the ordinance regarding mandatory requirements for volunteer coaches be updated. The current ordinance does not stipulate meeting requirements for civil immunity according to N.J.S.A. 2A:62 6 et seq. A brief discussion followed regarding proposing language that would include concussion training, and whether or not to include minors. Additional research is needed to propose amendments in November or December.
2. NJRPA Fall Workshop. J. Gander made a motion to allow K. Gerndt to attend an upcoming conference on Labor practices at a cost of \$50. J. Scott seconded the motion, which was approved 5-0. K. Cornell stated the importance of continuing education.
3. Spirit wear – K. Gerndt suggested partnering with Personalized Paraphernalia to offer an online spirit wear shop. Residents would have the opportunity to purchase a limited selection of Somerville Recreation merchandise directly from Personalized Paraphernalia. Proceeds would benefit the department. J. Gander made a motion to approve opening an online spirit wear shop; T. Stouchko seconded the motion. Motion passed, 4-0.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS:

1. T. Stouchko inquired about the trailer at Clarks Woods. K. Gerndt informed the Commission that the electric supply is currently being disconnected, and the Borough is proceeding with auctioning off.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: A motion was made by T. Stouchko and seconded by K. Cornell to approve vouchers (1-3) for payment. Motion was approved 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business J. Gander made a motion to adjourn, and J. Scott seconded the motion. It was approved 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, November 2 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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