

# **Somerville Recreation Commission**

Somerville New Jersey

April 22, 2015

The regularly scheduled session of the Somerville Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at The BOE Headquarters – Conference Room – 51 West Cliff Street, Somerville, New Jersey. The meeting came to order at 7:12 pm.

## **ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** (Chairman) Jay Scott, (Vice Chairman) Zina Van Ness, Ken Cornell and (Recreation Director) Kathy Gerndt.

**ABSENT:** Tammy Stouchko, (Alternate) Jon Roethke, and Council Liaison, Jason Kraska

Chairman Jay Scott 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 K. Cornell and seconded by Z. Van Ness to approve the Minutes from the meeting on March 18, 2015. It was approved, 3-0.

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

**COMMUNICATION:** Received an inquiry from Sarah Nathans, Executive Director of the YMCA, for the use of Carol Payer Park for their existing afterschool and summer programs. It was determined that the fee schedule and permitting process should be strictly adhered to.

## **DIRECTOR & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **DIRECTOR-** K. Gerndt reported
  - (a) Easter Egg Hunt was a success despite change of date and venue. Recommended target audience for 2016 should be 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and younger.
  - (b) Community Pass is fully operational. No reported difficulties on the administrative or public sites. Well received; simple to use. Accepting credit cards in the office for program fees.
  - (c) Attended the NJ Mayoral Conference on Afterschool Programming.
2. **FACILITIES -** K. Gerndt reported the following:
  - (a) Playground sign on Prospect Street has been removed.
  - (b) Ineligible for a USTA grant because existing tennis courts don't meet industry standards. Have received resurfacing quotes which are under consideration. Additional fencing and drainage work would also be necessary.
  - (c) Should we consider redesigning the Mercer Street wading pool to include a spray feature?
  - (d) Mercer Street basketball lights continue to be a problem and are being handled by the Borough.
  - (e) Getting a quote for lighting work at VD which would include a remote controlled electrical box.
3. **FINANCE -** K. Gerndt reported current account balances.
4. **PERSONNEL -**
5. **PROGRAMS -** Adult softball leagues have started. New Afterschool Programs have also begun. New Adult Boot Camps are sold out.
6. **LIAISON -** Absent

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Community Pools -
  - (a) Z. Van Ness made a motion to allow K. Gerndt and J. Scott to meet with Preferred Pool Management to enter into a contract at their discretion allowing PPM to fully manage the pools in 2015. K. Cornell seconded; motion passed 3-0.
  - (b) Hours and dates of operation were determined.
  - (c) Fee schedule for private parties – K. Cornell made a motion to approve the proposed fee schedule for private pool parties; Z. Van Ness seconded; passed 3-0. Parties can be held at Walck Pool on Saturdays only between 11am-5pm.
  - (d) Maintenance- DPW has renovated bathrooms; pools will be painted. J. Scott offered to paint buildings, final colors to be determined.
2. Spray Park - Park will open on June 1<sup>st</sup> and operate on a daily basis from 10-7pm. New signs may be needed.
3. Somerville Basketball Summer League - Decided to permit Kerry Foderingham to conduct an adult summer league on Sunday evenings at the Mercer Street courts. Mr. Foderingham needs to submit proper payment and paperwork, and abide by additional regulations regarding the courts. He will also voluntarily assist K. Gerndt with a youth program on Thursday evenings in July.
4. Memorial Day Bike Events – K. Gerndt reported that registration forms will be distributed at the schools on Monday; forms are also available online. Registration is open on Community Pass. New shirts will be ordered. Soliciting sponsors.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Wheelpark – Registration form has been revised. Park will open mid to late May. K. Cornell will need wood for repairs at an approximate cost of five thousand dollars.

## **RESOLUTIONS:** None

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:** A motion was made by K. Cornell and seconded by Z. Van Ness to approve vouchers (1-15) for payment. Approved 3-0.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** (NONE)

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, Z. Van Ness made a motion to adjourn, and K. Cornell seconded the motion. It was approved 3–0. The meeting adjourned at 8:46pm. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, May 6, 2015, at **7:00 pm**; held at the BOE Headquarters – Conference Room Location – 51 West Cliff Street, Somerville, NJ 08876.

Kathy Gerndt  
Acting as Secretary

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