

# **Somerville Recreation Commission**

Somerville New Jersey

May 20, 2015

The regularly scheduled session of the Somerville Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at the BOE Headquarters – Conference Room – 51 West Cliff Street, Somerville, New Jersey. The meeting came to order at 7:08 pm.

## **ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** (Chairman) Jay Scott, (Vice Chairman) Zina Van Ness, Ken Cornell, Tammy Stouchko, (Council Liaison) Jason Kraska, and (Recreation Director) Kathy Gerndt

**ABSENT:** (Alternate) Jon Roethke

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 J. Scott to approve the Minutes from the meeting on May 6, 2015. It was approved, 2-0-1. (Van Ness abstained)

Jay Scott suggested waiving the pool membership fees as previously decided to allow more time to properly present to Mayor and Council for consideration.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** None

## **COMMUNICATION:**

## **DIRECTOR & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **DIRECTOR-** K. Gerndt reported that
  - (a) still waiting on a contract from Larry Waxenberg from PPM for final review and signatures.
  - (b) GOTR will be charged \$250 for use of facilities.
  - (c) Family Fun Ride co-sponsors are the Elks, the Somerville PBA 147, Strength & Honor Fitness, K Bella, the Somerville Bicycle Shop, and Personalized Paraphelna. The Youth Bike Races will be held on Main Street utilizing the official race end line.
2. **FACILITIES -** K. Gerndt reported that
  - (a) Repairs/ improvements have been completed at the Wheelpark. Anticipated opening date is June 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - (b) Pool opening day preparations have begun. Coordinating efforts with DPW, Garden State Laboratories, and the health inspector.
2. **FINANCE –** K. Gerndt reported current account balances.
3. **PERSONNEL**
4. **PROGRAMS-** K. Gerndt reported that the summer brochure should be ready for distribution the week of June 1<sup>st</sup>. The flyer will include pool information, summer and fall programming, and registration forms.
5. **LIAISON –** J. Kraska inquired whether or not the Bocce group was being charged a court fee. K. Gerndt replied that they don't reserve the court, so there's no fee involved. Mr. Kraska also informed the Commission that they would be responsible for filling the Director's position.

## ***OLD BUSINESS:***

1. Website- K. Gerndt recommended shutting down the old website, [www.somervillerecreationnj.com](http://www.somervillerecreationnj.com) to simplify things. Much too confusing and time consuming to update two sites. The Borough site has been updated with all pertinent information. The same reasoning applies to the FB group, which is not the official page. The group is not adequately monitored, misleading, and should either be shut down or renamed.

## ***NEW BUSINESS:***

1. The Recreation Task Force report was reviewed and discussed.
2. An engraved brass plate has been purchased for the informational kiosk at Carol Payer Park recognizing the work of the Eagle Scout who built the structure. A letter will be sent to James Swass informing him of such, and thanking him again for his contribution to the community.

## ***RESOLUTIONS:*** None

***APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:*** A motion was made by K. Cornell and seconded by Z. Van Ness to approve vouchers (1-13) for payment. Approved 4-0.

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

## ***ADJOURNMENT:***

There being no further business, T. Stouchko made a motion to adjourn, and K. Cornell seconded the motion. It was approved 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, June 3, 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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