

Somerville Recreation Commission

Somerville New Jersey

June 3, 2015

The regularly scheduled session of the Somerville Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at the BOE Headquarters – Conference Room – 51 West Cliff Street, Somerville, New Jersey. The meeting came to order at 7:04 pm.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: Tammy Stouchko, and (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 Z. Van Ness to approve the Minutes from the meeting on May 20, 2015. Motion was approved 3-0.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Six members of the Moms Club of Somerville/Raritan were in attendance. Theresa Bonner, Danielle Tiplady, Sarah Wolf, Celine Greaves, Sarah DeJesus, and Stephanie Dale requested that Walck Pool be open on Tuesday mornings from 10am-12pm. They cited that attendance was high during those times last season and were disappointed that no morning hours were on the 2015 schedule. They cited concerns about exposure to the afternoon sun and heat, as well as safety concerns with older kids that frequent the pools in the afternoons. They also stated that many young children take naps in the early afternoon and therefore the 12-4pm hours aren't suitable. They felt that the Spray Park isn't a suitable alternative. They mentioned they'd be willing to pay membership fees to cover increased hours of operation and improvements. The Commission and Director thanked them for attending.

COMMUNICATION: None

DIRECTOR & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **DIRECTOR-** K. Gerndt reported that
 - a. Summer programs & pool info has been distributed. Registration is open. Pool members will be assigned a family membership number.
 - b. A final, revised contract is forthcoming from Larry Waxenberg from PPM for signatures.
 - c. SBL has reduced the amount of court time needed. League play is scheduled to begin on June 21. Permit will be adjusted accordingly.
 - d. Somerville Rescue Squad will conducting a training session at one of our pools, most likely on a Saturday morning. Coordinating with Pete Lawton.
2. **FACILITIES -**
 - a. K. Gerndt reported that the Spray Park is ready and will be turned on for the weekend.

b. J. Scott said that the engraved plate has been mounted to the kiosk at Carol Pager acknowledging the Eagle Scout project completed by James Swass. K. Gerndt will send a thank you note.

3. **FINANCE** – K. Gerndt reported current account balances.
4. **PERSONNEL**
5. **PROGRAMS**
6. **LIAISON**

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Community Pools** - K. Gerndt reported that openings may be slightly delayed due to the amount of work being done and weather conditions. Costs of future repairs need to be included on our capital improvement plan.
2. **Memorial Day Bike Events**- K. Gerndt reported that both events were a success and that feedback relative to the new set has been very positive.
3. **Website**- Ken Cornell will keep his email address until at least November. J. Scott asked Commissioners to review both sites for further discussion. K. Gerndt stressed the need to simplify; too confusing for residents.
4. **Recreation Task Force**- Chairman Scott expressed that no formal action is necessary since steps have already been taken to correct deficiencies.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Pool hours** – A discussion took place regarding the pros and cons of extending the pool hours at Walck Park like the Somerville Moms Club proposed. Z. Van Ness made a motion to increase the number of hours of operation on Tuesdays from 10am-4pm. K. Cornell seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

RESOLUTIONS: None

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: A motion was made by K. Cornell and seconded by Z. Van Ness to approve vouchers (1& 2) 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 8:59 pm. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, June 17, 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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