

Somerville Recreation Commission

Somerville New Jersey

July 1, 2015

The regularly scheduled session of the Somerville Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at Borough Hall –Executive Conference Room – 25 West End Avenue, Somerville, New Jersey. The meeting came to order at 7:06 pm.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: (Chairman) Jay Scott, (Vice Chairman) Zina Van Ness, and Tammy Stouchko, and (Recreation Director) Kathy Gerndt.

LATE: K. Cornell

ABSENT: (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 T. Stouchko and seconded by Z. Van Ness to approve the Minutes from the meeting on June 17, 2015. Motion was approved 3-0. (Cornell – late)

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Residents, Ashley Vaughn Buchanan, and Janeen & James Sortor, were in attendance to voice concerns about the lifeguard staff and an incident that took place on July 1st at Lepp Pool.

COMMUNICATION:

1. Middle Earth has requested the use of the entire Carol Payer on October 3rd for a fundraising event. The SRC has requested additional information, mainly number of anticipated participants and spectators.
2. The Somerville High School Samuel Yohn Memorial scholarship recipient, Isabel Brooks, sent a thank you note.

DIRECTOR & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **DIRECTOR-** K. Gerndt recommended a new partnership with the Bridgewater JCC to host our swim lessons. Also, suggested phasing out the collection of registration forms at the pools. Forms are incomplete, illegible, and invalid. Eagle Scout project nearly completed at Children's Park. Inquired about the possibility of a residents forming a model car club at Payer. SRC opposed because of damage that would be sustained to the grass.
2. **FACILITIES** – K. Gerndt reported that an estimate for the repair of the VanDerveer field lights and control box will be forthcoming. Z. Van Ness will work with Rodney Hadley to obtain estimates for necessary pool restorations so that a budget request can be submitted to the Borough for capital expenditures.
3. **FINANCE** – K. Gerndt provided Q2 reports (Quickbooks, Community Pass, and Edmunds)
4. **PERSONNEL**
5. **PROGRAMS**
6. **LIAISON**

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **POOLS** – Topic was covered during previous conversations.
2. **SPRAY PARK** – K. Gerndt shared concerns and complaints regarding the slippery surface. Commission suggested that correspondence be shared with Kevin Sluka and Rodney Hadley.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **POLICY MANUAL** – K. Gerndt will update the Policy Manual and present to the Commission for review.
2. **PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS** - Additional signs need to be displayed at Parks; and perhaps an informational kiosk at Lepp Park. The SRC will not allow solicitations at Pools or Parks. K. Gerndt will research the feasibility of vending machines.

RESOLUTIONS: None

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: A motion was made by T. Stouchko and seconded by Z. Van Ness to approve vouchers (1-6) for payment. Approved 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:51pm, T. Stouchko made a motion to enter into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by K. Cornell, and passed 4-0..

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 9:16 pm. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, July 15, 2015, at **7:00 pm**; held at Borough Hall – Recreation Office – 25 West End Avenue, Somerville, NJ 08876.

Kathy Gerndt
Acting as Secretary

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