

Somerville Recreation Commission

Somerville New Jersey

November 18, 2015

The regularly scheduled session of the Somerville Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 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) Jay Scott, (Vice Chairman), Ken Cornell, Daniel Kumar, (Alternate) Jon Roethke, (Council Liaison) Jason Kraska, and (Recreation Director) Kathy Gerndt.

ABSENT: Tammy Stouchko

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 D. Kumar to approve the November 4, 2015 Minutes. Motion was approved 3-0-01 (Roethke abstained).

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: The following board members from SBI were present : Scott Jaconski (President), Bob Wortman (VP), Rob Muffuletto (2nd VP), and Jeff Tumminello (Treasurer). A lengthy discussion took place regarding appropriate sweat equity measures, transparency, and expectations. The location of the new storage shed was agreed upon. Proper procedures for reserving Torpey field, obtaining unused field credits, and 501 (c) 3 status were also discussed. The Commission requested that further information be presented at the next meeting on December 2. Both parties agreed that better communication is necessary.

COMMUNICATION:

1. Zina Van Ness submitted a letter of resignation effective November 5th. She expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to serve on the Commission and wished everyone the best of luck with future endeavors.

Borough Council affirmed the resignation on November 16. (RESOLUTION 15-116-385)

DIRECTOR & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **DIRECTOR-** K. Gerndt reported the following:
 - a. Basketball officials will be required to be certified.
 - b. RIB registrations increased dramatically – gained four teams; 110 players.
 - c. Assembly Bill 300 was vetoed by Governor Christie – bill would have required all municipal or county recreation departments and nonprofit youth athletic leagues to make an automated external defibrillator (AED) available on site at every practice and athletic event played on public fields. Main objection was the indeterminate cost burden for municipalities.
 - d. Current insurance policy costs \$6000/year. Recommended dropping coverage. Very limited claims; only covered registered participants under the age of 18; contradicted waiver release.
 - e. Pop Warner has begun clearing out contents from CP storage room. White unit belongs to REC and will be moved to the DPW yard, and possibly to Firehouse Field in the spring to be utilized for storage.

2. **FACILITIES** – Minor vandalism in the form of graffiti was reported at John Long Park. Unrelated, rotten light pole that fell near the tennis courts will be replaced by PSE&G.
3. **FINANCE** – no report given.
4. **PERSONNEL** – J. Scott reported that annual job evaluations will be conducted on November 23rd
5. **PROGRAMS** - K. Gerndt reported that basketball league registrations close on Friday, Nov. 13th.
6. **LIAISON**- J. Kraska reported that a record number of capital requests were received. Additional pool details will be required for consideration.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **CAROL PAGER PARK** – K. Gerndt stated that the preconstruction meeting was held on Monday, November 9th. DPW will begin removing old equipment the week of November 30th. Z Tech is expected to begin work the second week of December. Equipment is scheduled for delivery on December 28th – Z Tech will accept and be responsible for said delivery. K. Gerndt placed the project announcement and sketch in the November 13th EConnect.
2. **POOLS** – K. Gerndt distributed the survey results. Response was better than expected –over 400 responses; half of which included comments. Over 90% of those surveyed felt that pools are an important part of the community.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **FIELD LIGHTS** – K. Gerndt has contacted Hockenberry Electric and Musco Lighting for initial estimates and consultations. Locations for automated consideration are Van Derveer and Firehouse Field.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: A motion was made by K. Cornell and seconded by J. Roethke to approve vouchers (1-5) for payment. Approved 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business K. Cornell made a motion to adjourn, and D. Kumar seconded the motion. It was approved 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, December 2, 2015, at 7:00 pm; at the Board of Education Office- Conference Room – 51 West Cliff Street, Somerville, NJ 08876. It was also noted that the December 16th meeting is officially cancelled and adequate notice has been given.

Kathy Gerndt
Acting as Secretary

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