

Somers Point Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes for August 6, 2015

Meeting called to order by Chairwoman Jeannette Cellucci

Flag salute

Members Present: Cellucci, Marcus Perry, Jay Turcotte, Barbie Carney, Ron Meischker
Members Present, but late: Russell Babb (arrival time noted below in minutes)
Absent: Eric Meyers
Also Present: Sydney Somers, CER

The meeting was opened to the public.

- **Shep Witherow from the Mission Point Church** presented the church's application to utilize Kennedy Park on Sunday 8/9. The application was unanimously approved.
- **Anna Martinez-Canfield** presented her application for the use of Kennedy Park for a child's birthday party on 8/22. The application was unanimously approved.
- **Leigh Williamson** presented on behalf of the Bloomer family in their application for a birthday party at Kennedy Park on 8/29. The application was unanimously approved.
- **Bill Rauzzino** addressed the board about:
 1. Remodelling the dugouts at the ball fields. **Rauzzino indicated he had volunteers to supply materials and labor to improve the dugouts.** The Commission was supportive and asked that he submit his plan to public works for review.
 2. Rauzzino presented that Somers Point would be an ideal spot for a **new ACBL men's baseball team.** He believed enough Somers Point residents currently play in the league that the entire team could be comprised of Somers Point residents. The Commission was supportive and didn't see a scheduling conflict.
 3. Rauzzino discussed **Annual Wooden Bat tournament** at Fehrle Field. The Commission was supportive of the September 5th and 6th tournament.
- **Mainland United Soccer** asked for field space for the upcoming year. It was eventually hashed out that Mondays would be the best date to use the field to avoid scheduling conflicts with the Sharks and other organizations. The coaching staff would also need to complete the background checks. The application was unanimously approved.
- **Neil Hudson** addressed the commission and asked for permission to place an equipment shed at the field. Hudson agreed to maintain the shed by painting it appropriate colors and add additional security to ensure it is vandal resistant. The commission was supportive and asked Hudson to work with Public Works on the placement of the shed.
- **Commission member Russ Babb arrived at the meeting.**
- **The Ocean City Yacht Club** application for the use of JFK Park on Saturday 8/7 was tabled as there was applicant present to provide additional information.
- **The Reyes' Child Birthday Party application** for Sunday, August 18th was tabled as there was no applicant present to provide additional information.

- **Adrian Koliba** addressed the Commission and spoke in favor of the Beach Concert Committee's application for a 30 x 20 tent on the beach. He spoke of how the tent's high quality materials and excellent appearance would help attract bigger and better talent to the beach concerts.

Carmen Marotta addressed the Commission. The Commission thanked them for their more in depth submission, but asked for additional information. The commission asked for a scaled elevation rendering so the Commission could review the aesthetics of the installation.

The commission also asked that the area to be tented be marked out for review by the commission and public works.

The commission asked that the committee seek additional bids. Carmen Marotta indicated he was completely satisfied with the pricing. Marotta was reminded that he had previously presented the commission with a proposal for used tent that would have cost more than the new one they were now proposing.

Marotta asked that the Commission approve the expenditure that evening. The commission indicated that it would any not take action until the additional information was received. Marotta indicated that he felt the commission was asking the Beach Concert Committee to undergo "extraordinary measures" by asking for the elevation rendering, the stake out and additional quotes and as such, the commission should convene as special meeting later in the month to approve the tent application. The commission declined to schedule an additional meeting and it was engaging in due diligence.

The commission noted that any storage of the tent, if approved, would be by Public Works.

The meeting was closed to the public.

- The Bi-law subcommittee gave a report and insight into potential changes in the bi-laws.
- The Commission declined a request from the Arts Commission for funding for the group's Film Festival.
- The liaisons for different recreation facilities were once again clarified.
- Ms. Somers noted that there was a spreadsheet updating all Rec-related requests of Public Works in the Commission's meeting packets.
- Facility reports were given. Notable updates included:
 - The bid specs for the project at the Senior Center were nearly complete. Specifications for windows is the last item waiting to be received before taking the project to bid.
 - The kayak rack for Kennedy Park was in the process of being built by a contractor hired by the Great Egg Harbor River Council. Expectations were it would be installed by the end of September.
- It was noted we had a poor water quality test at the beach during the previous week, which was the result of a large storm and run off. The beach was cleared and opened the next day.
- The meeting was adjourned.