

## **Somers Point Recreation Commission minutes from February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Chairwoman Cellucci.

**Members Present:** Jeanette Cellucci, Eric Meyers\*\*, Jay Turcotte, Marcus Perry, Barbie Carney, Ron Meischker.

**Absent:** Russell Babb

**Also Present:** Sydney Somers, CER

**The meeting minutes for the January 8th were approved.**

**The meeting was opened to the Public.**

**Darrell DiTroia & Kathy Turcotte from Upper Twp Challenger Sports** addressed the Commission regarding using the track to train local athletes for the Special Olympics during the month of March and April. Noted that a total of 12 athletes would be present. Discussion took place regarding the organization using previously completed background checks from other communities for their supervisory staff. **Application approved unanimously.**

**Tom Innocente Sr.** addressed the Commission regarding the Submarine Veterans memorial by the VFW. Noted that more than \$100,000 had been raised for the project.

**Vote of support in concept only (no monetary promise) was unanimous.**

**Mayor Jack Glasser** addressed the board and thanked them for supporting the veterans project.

**Jerusha Monger & Theresa King from Cape Atlantic Intergroup** addressed the Commission about their desire to use Kennedy Park for a group function. It was determined that it was impossible to identify the percentage of attendees that were Somers Point residence due to the anonymous nature of the members. Furthermore, it was did not meet the criteria to apply as a Somers Point-based group.

**\*\*Board member Eric Meyers arrived at the meeting.\*\***

**Mike Stewart from Somers Point Adult Street Hockey** addressed the Commission regarding the organization's application. **The application was unanimously approved** pending the submission of updated insurance information.

**The Jersey Shore Sea Kayak Association** application was discussed. No members of this organization were present to answer questions regarding their application to use the park on June 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 7 pm. **Application tabled.**

**The meeting was closed to the public.**

## **Old Business**

**An email from Russ Babb was read detailing the construction at the hockey courts.** Questions were raised about the quality of the work. The Commission unanimously agreed that a letter should be sent to City Administrator Wes Swain by Chairwoman Celucci asking him to hold payment to the contractor until more investigation could be conducted.

**Bids for the sidewalk at Rhode Island Avenue** were reviewed and the board unanimously chose to award the concrete work to McBride Concrete of Somers Point for \$3950.00.

It was noted that **Councilman Kirk Gerety** had offered to put together volunteers to build the **retaining wall along the sidewalk**.

**The Budget was reopend for discussion.** The only change in the budget was a request of \$2500 to replaced damaged benches at Kennedy Park was added to the previous submission.

**Sydney Somers proposed making National Night Out a City-Sponsored event,** similar to what Northfield and other local towns do. It was noted that the Somers Point Regular Republican League had been sponsoring the event the past three years on a limited basis. It was noted that commission member Meischker is an approved National Night Out Coordinator and would be happy to continue in this capacity.

**Volunteer of the Year nominations were taken.** After discussion, the Commission unanimously selected Amber Cook at the 2015 Volunteer of the Year.

**The Boat Ramp attendant** at Kennedy Park was discussed. The Commission was in agreement that the job title and description should be changed and that a base of operations, such as an information booth or chair should be established with the employee. The CER office was charged with coming up with the formal description.

## **Facility Reports**

There were no significant updates that had not been discussed previously during the meeting other than the following:

- Seeking an updated quote for keyless entry locks at other facilities.
- The senior center repairs were discussed. A request to public works was going to be placed to move the sprinklers at the base of the low windows in the front. Once the sprinklers were moved, the board would then request bids be taken on the repairs.
- There was a discussion about painting or power washing the restroom facilities at Morrow Beach. No formal decision made to get bids.

**The meeting was adjourned.**