

Somers Point Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7pm by Chairwoman Cellucci

Open Public Meetings Act

Read by J. Cellucci: Adequate notice of this Regular and Executive meeting, setting forth time, date and location has been provided in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act by prominently posting to local newspapers and city websites. All minutes will be provided upon request.

Flag Salute

Members Present: B. Carney; J. Cellucci; M. Owen; M. Perry

Also Present: CER Director S. Somers; Councilman J. Toto; Councilman T. Smith

CER Report

S. Somers gave an advisory on upcoming fall events including Pumpkin Day and a new Halloween Movie in the Park.

Council Liason Report

T. Smith provided remarks that the Commission should be diligent with taking action against the Sharks Football Organization when members of their group break ordinances and/or display poor behavior.

J. Toto reported that the recreational field complexes look good and wishes to thank Public Works for their maintenance.

Permit Requests

1. **11U South Jersey Sandsharks at Fehrle Field:** Motion to approve by M. Owen; Second by B. Carney. Approved.
2. **Jersey Shore Powderpuff League at Kern Field:** B. Carney recused herself; no quorum.
3. **Mainland United Soccer Association (MUSA):** B. Carney will share auxiliary space between JSPPL and MUSA. Motion to permit MUSA to use practice field on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning in February by J. Cellucci; Second by M. Perry. Approved for practices on Mondays and Wednesdays.
4. **Sharks' Football Bonfire at Morrow Beach:** Motion to approve by M. Perry; Second by B. Carney. Approved,
5. **Trail of Two Cities 5k at JFK Park:** Motion to approve by B. Carney; Second by J. Cellucci. Approved.

Old Business

No items for discussion.

New Business

S. Somers submitted a request for 2017 Operating Budget. Commission Members to send Capital requests to Chairwoman C. Cellucci by October 20th.

Public

- 1. William Rauzzino, Hamilton Drive, Linwood, NJ:** Wished to express concerns about travel teams based outside of Somers Point being granted field space. He is concerned about damage to the fields with the contributions given back to the facilities.
- 2. Al Becker, Princeton Road, Somers Point, NJ:** Expressed concerns that travel teams based outside of Somers Point do not put work and maintenance back in field space in the way manner that city-sanctioned groups do. Mr. Becker also notified the Commission that residents are complaining that the Sharks are leaving field lights on overnight and neglecting to shut them down after practice.
- 3. Joe Loefflad, Northview Drive, Somers Point, NJ:** Expressed concerns about recent poor behavior from the Sharks' Football organization and that their conduct is embarrassing to the City of Somers Point. Mr. Loefflad also suggested that the Commission charge fees to travel teams based outside of Somers Point.
- 4. Tom Smith, Broadway, Somers Point, NJ:** Requests that fence on western side of JFK Park be removed due to unrepairable damage.

Facilities Reports

- 1. Fehrle Field:** No Report
- 2. Wayne Drive:** No Report
- 3. Senior Center:** J. Cellucci requests maintenance requests to fix restroom paper towel dispensers and also the necessity for an indoor trashcan and cable.
- 4. Kennedy Park:** Requests broken fence be removed.
- 5. Kern Field:** No Report.
- 6. Youth Center:** Pearce Painting to begin exterior painting mid-October.
- 7. Morrow Beach:** B. Carney reported that the beach facility looks good.
- 8. Bike Path:** Sub-committee to set meeting.

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J. Cellucci agrees with Joe Loefflad's suggestion to establish fees for non-residing sports teams.

B. Carney would like to look at Recreationally Zoned Lots 5 and 7 on Exton Road to be used as possible sports practice space.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.