

Somers Point Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes-October 5, 2017

Meeting called to order by Chairman Paul Huber at 7:00pm.

Open Public Meetings Act

Read by P. Huber: 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; P.Huber; M. Owen; M. Stewart; M. Endicott

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

Approval of Minutes: B. Carney Motion, M. Endicott second. Approved.

CER Report

S. Somers reported that the Halloween Parade is scheduled for December 1st. Sturdy Savings Bank will be sponsoring and running a free concessions area to the public with soft pretzels and hot chocolate.

City Council passed a Resolution honoring the Beach Concert Committee for their hard work and successful 2017 season.

Council Liason Report

Bike Path in design phase. Police Department scheduled Trunk or Treat event for October 13th. Green Thumb Garden Club and Arts Commission have started painting electric boxes throughout the city.

Permit Requests

1. **Jersey Shore Powder Puff League Games & Practices:** B. Carney recused herself. P. Huber motion, M. Owen second. Approved.

Old Business

Mike Owen reported that the MS Bikeathon scheduled to use the Park on September 23rd changed their route and did not utilize the facility.

New Business

Brian Hartley attended to discuss a new irrigation system at the Senior League Field. He brought a quote describing a new well system the Babe Ruth League would like to see installed. He is also

requesting funding from Bayfest. Current system is faulty and costs the city high amounts of money in water bills.

Neil Hudson was in attendance to represent the Sharks Football organization at the request of the Commission. Photographs were given to the CER Director showing unapproved coaches on the field with children. A verbal warning on record was given by P. Huber that if illegal coaches are found to be on the field again, the city will pull the field from the Sharks. Mr. Hudson requested the ordinance on official city letterhead to hand to parents who are trying to get on the field to coach.

Public:

Facilities Reports *P. Huber reminds Commission to begin researching capital requests for 2018.

1. **Fehrle Field:** M. Stewart reports everything looks good and the fields are being used frequently.
2. **Wayne Drive:** P. Huber suggests lighting may be a good option.
3. **Senior Center:** M. Endicott reports facility looks good.
4. **Kennedy Park:** M. Owen reports a great event at Good Old Days; requests bushes to be trimmed overlooking the bluff.
5. **Kern Field:** B. Carney requests removing the old tennis court sign. Bathrooms need new plumbing. The leagues may benefit from a lock cabinet inside of the snack stand.
6. **Youth Center:** No report.
7. **Morrow Beach:** P. Huber mentions that the Patcong Creek Foundation may be offering to put up healthy environmental signage at water access points in the City. B. Carney would like to have a history board developed.
8. **Bike Path:** S. McGuigan reports that lighting problem is being looked at.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.