

Somers Point Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes from September 3, 2015

Call to order

Flag Salute

Members in Attendance: Jeanette Cellucci, Eric Meyers, Jay Turcotte, Ron Meischker, Russ Babb*

Also in attendance: Sydney Somers, CER

Minutes for the August meeting were approved.

Applications

- Birthday party at Kennedy Park for 9/19 was unanimously approved.
- Surfrider Foundation Documentary Screener for 9/19 @ Morrow Beach was unanimously approved.
- Somers Point Bonfire set for 10/2 at Morrow Beach was unanimously approved.
- Trail of Two Cities walk/run event was approved for 11/7 @ JFL park.
- Somers Point Schools Fall Sports Schedule was Unanimously approved.
- Little League Baseball's Fall Schedule was unanimously approved.

Old Business

- Discussion of the Beach Concert Committee's tent request was re-opened.
- A letter from Councilwoman Maureen Kern was read. She asked the board to consider the fact that council was exploring placing a permanent stage and structure to for performances on a pier being discussed as part of the master plan review.
- Considering Councilwoman Kern's communication, the commission unanimously voted to table further discussion about the tent purchase.

Public Session

- Jill West, a Beach Concert Performer from Pittsburgh, PA asked the Commission to consider the tent. She said it would keep the sun out of the performer's eyes.
- Kathleen Davis of Beesleys Point, NJ called the Commission a "disgrace" for tabling the discussion about the table. She stated the only reason she and her husband have not moved to property they own on the Eastern Shore of Virginia was because of the beach concerts.
- Kevin Inman of Egg Harbor City, NJ addressed the board. He said he was an amateur photographer and the poles from the current tent at the beach obscures his photos.
- Richard Spurlock of Oceanview, NJ addressed the commission and spoke in favor of the new tent for the Beach Concerts.
- John Loreaux of Egg Harbor Township, NJ urged the Commission to consider the tent. He said he knows people who drive in to stay at his house because of how great the Beach Concerts are.

The meeting was closed to the public.

Commission member Russell Babb arrived.*

New Business

- Details about donations to the Somers Point Recreation Commission in the name of Skip Mell were discussed.
- Problems with plumbing at the Kern Field restrooms were discussed.
- Further discussion about the Beach Concerts and naming of the Beach Concert Committee were discussed. The bi-laws subcommittee was tasked to outline the procedure for naming members of the Beach Concert Committee and the expectations and accountability that the Recreation Commission should demand from the Committee moving forward.

Facility Reports

Monthly facility reports were discussed with no significant changes from previous months.

Meeting was adjourned