

Somers Point Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes – March 1, 2018

Meeting called to order by Chairman Paul Huber at 7:01pm

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: P. Huber, M. Owen, M. Stewart, M. Endicott arrived 7:22pm.

Also Present: CER Director S. Somers, Councilman S. McGuigan

Approval of Minutes: M. Owen motion, M. Stewart second. Approved.

CER Report

Easter egg hunt is taking place on March 24th. There is \$1000.00 in the budget each year for National Night Out. S. Somers has joined the planning committee. S. Somers attending upcoming conference for NJ Department of Parks and Recreation, which was very informative when she attended last year.

Council Liaison Report

Councilman McGuigan reported that the next Council meeting on March 8th at 6:00pm included a budget workshop with the intention of introducing a budget proposal at the following meeting on March 22nd. Wanted to keep Recreation Commission informed because the budget affects its capital. It was deemed unnecessary to have a Recreation Commission member present at those meetings.

Permit Requests

- 1. Glasser Family Reunion:** Tabled by request due to not being able to attend meeting.
- 2. St. Joe's Baseball, Softball, and Track Practice:** P. Huber motion (with fee waiver, and contingency that if fields were lined and unused due to cancellation, the organization would be charged), M. Stewart second. Approved.
- 3. Pelura Wedding at JFK Park:** P. Huber motion, M. Owen second. Approved.
- 4. Men's Soccer League FC:** Tabled to research lighting situation and schedules for other organizations.
- 5. SP Schools Baseball and Track:** P. Huber motion, M. Stewart second. Approved.
- 6. South Jersey Sand Sharks:** Tabled due to lack of representation.
- 7. Blinkerfluid Muscle Car Invasion and Jeep Invasion:** Tabled due to unclear application and lack of representation.
- 8. Mission Point Church Beach Concert/Family Event:** P. Huber motion, M. Endicott second. Approved.
- 9. Mission Point Church Storytime in the Park:** P. Huber motion (with fee waiver), M. Endicott second. Approved.
- 10. Somers Point Little League:** P Huber motion, M. Endicott second. Approved.

Old Business

Volunteer of the Year Nominations were reviewed. There was no input from the public. Voting occurred during the Good of the Order and Barbie Carney was unanimously selected.

New Business

1. **School Reconfiguration:** Betsy Wilkinson, 123 E. Cedar Ave. Playground equipment at Jordan Road School is not age-appropriate and re-location is a possibility. Asked the Recreation Commission if any area in the baseball field complex would be a good fit for it to entertain younger children while their siblings participated in baseball. The Commission will consider the possibility. S. Somers will speak to City Administrator about proper protocol.

Public

No input

Facility Reports

1. **Fehrle Field:** M. Stewart reported no issues.
2. **Wayne Drive:** P. Huber reported the tennis courts look nice.
3. **Senior Citizens Center:** Barren area behind center in need of landscaping.
4. **Kennedy Park:** M. Owen reported bushes have been trimmed. Due to rust, suggested sanding volleyball net posts and painting them brown. There is plenty of space for additional benches by the shell parking lot.
5. **Kern Field:** P. Huber reported squirrels ate through wires and caused lighting outage. There are cracks in the north hockey court that the installing company will repair when temperature is warmer; they are not structural concerns. M. Endicott reported that the south hockey court is being resurfaced next month. Police issued warnings to about 20 people for using the hockey courts for sports other than hockey.
6. **Youth Center:** No issues.
7. **Morrow Beach:** No issues.
8. **Bike Path:** No issues.

Good of the Order

Volunteer of the Year voting as previously noted. S. Somers reported that Saturday, March 3rd, Custard Hut hosts CER Day, and all proceeds for the day are donated to the CER department.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.