

Somers Point Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes – February 3, 2022

Meeting called to order by Recreation Director Doug Shallcross at 7:05pm

Open Public Meetings Act

Read by Recreation Director Doug Shallcross: Pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided. The Agenda for this meeting has been posted in City Hall and the City's website at somerspointgov.org. This meeting will be held in-person at City Hall and will be live-streamed on the city's YouTube page.

Flag Salute

Members Present: B. Adams, C. Marshall, M. Stewart

Also Present: Recreation Director Doug Shallcross, Councilman S. McGuigan, Councilman M. Owen

2022 Nominations and Elections: Michael Stewart nominated by C. Marshall for Chairman with B. Adams second; all in favor. Matthew Endicott nominated by C. Marshall for Vice Chairman with M. Stewart second; all in favor. Donna Shields nominated by C. Marshall for Recording Secretary with M. Stewart second; all in favor.

Approval of Minutes: M. Stewart motion, B. Adams second. Approved.

Recreation Director Report

D. Schallcross informed the Commission that replacement playground parts for JFK Park have arrived at the distributor. They will ship to us mid-to-late February. He also researched prior capital improvement budget approvals for the past few years. These include:

- (2018) Kern Field Snack Stand repairs and improvements
- (2018) Senior Citizens' Center workout stations
- (2018) Fehrle Field infield resurfacing and well installation
- (2019) Fehrle Field well installation
- (2019) Babe Ruth fence (completed)
- (2019) Playground equipment upgrades and replacements
- (2020 and 2021) Playground equipment upgrades and replacements

Council Liaison Report

Councilman Owen reported that there is money allocated towards playground equipment. Councilman McGuigan reported that City Council is currently in the budgeting process. They would like to add to the amounts currently allocated for playground equipment. He is getting new quotes for the project and will present designs and figures to the Commission when they are finalized. He also stated that new equipment for other Recreation facilities is part of the city's five-year plan. The dog park facility has been put out to bid.

Permit, Memorial Bench, and Memorial Tree Requests

1. **South Jersey South Shore Baseball:** M. Stewart motion, C. Marshall second. All in favor. Approved.
2. **Somers Point Babe Ruth and Men's 35 & Older League:** M. Stewart motion, C. Marshall second. All in favor. Approved.
3. **Mission Point Church Beach Services:** M. Stewart motion to approve with caveats listed below. C. Marshall second. All in favor. Approved.
 - a. Same time adjustment as 2021 application: 9:00am set-up, 10:00am service.
 - b. Food truck legality issues must be cleared up with Recreation Director and if allowed and still desired, approved via a separate application.
4. **NJ10 Race, Kennedy Park:** M. Stewart motion, C. Marshall second. All in favor. Approved.

5. **Marine Science Camp, Morrow Beach:** M. Stewart motion, B. Adams second. All in favor. Approved.
6. **Art in the Park, Kennedy Park:** M. Stewart motion to approve with rain date of 6/26/22, C. Marshall second. All in favor. Approved.

Memorial Bench Requests: No bench requests pending.

Memorial Tree Requests: No tree requests pending.

Old Business: No old business on agenda.

New Business: No new business on agenda.

Correspondence: No correspondence on agenda.

Public

Councilman Owen noted that there is a memorial bench installation outstanding due to logistic issues.

Facility Reports

1. **Fehrle Field:** No issues reported.
2. **Wayne Drive:** No issues reported.
3. **Community Center:** No issues reported.
4. **Kennedy Park:** No issues reported.
5. **Kern Field:** No issues reported.
6. **Morrow Beach:** No issues reported.
7. **Bike Path:** No issues reported.

Good of the Order: Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 3, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.