



Somers Point Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes – April 4th, 2024
7:00 PM

Open Public Meetings Act:

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.

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In Attendance:

Commissioner Endicott
Commissioner Marshall
Commissioner Randour
Commissioner Stanton
Commissioner Stewart

Absent:

Commissioner Adams
Commission Shields

Also present:

Recreation Director D. Shallcross
Councilman S. McGuigan
Councilman M. Owen

Approval of Minutes: Motion M. Stewart, second C. Marshall. Approved.

Recreation Director Report:

Director Shallcross reported that he is working to obtain a final quote for the shipping container for the football field announcer booth area. He completed a walkthrough of the JFK playground with the contractor; the contractor stated that most of the equipment was near end-of-life and that replacement should take priority of repairs in the future. Director Shallcross asked the Commission to consider beautification/improvement of the area behind the Senior/Community Center including clean-up of the landscaping and potential re-surfacing of the shuffleboard lanes so that they could be used. He will try to gauge interest from the community to ensure this endeavor has an audience.

Council Liaison Report: S. McGuigan – nothing to report
M. Owen – nothing to report

Facility Use Requests/Permits:

- Mission Point Beach Service: Motion M. Stewart, second M. Endicott. Approved. Sound checks not to begin prior to 9:30am.
- Art in the Park: Motion M. Stewart, second C. Marshall. Approved.
- Poetry in the Park: Motion M. Stewart, second C. Marshall. Approved.
- Over 35 Men's League Baseball: Motion M. Stewart, second M. Stanton. Approved.
- Jordan Road 6th Grade Trip to JFK Park: Motion M. Stewart, second M. Endicott. Approved.
- 11u USA Prime Oilers: Motion to table M. Endicott, second L. Randour. Tabled pending potential restricting of facility fees.

Memorial Bench or Tree Requests: No applications

Old Business:



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- Playground Equipment: Addressed in Recreation Director Report
- Pickleball: No current plans in place to install pickleball courts as budget is not allocated for them.
- Shipping Container: Addressed in Recreation Director Report
- Shuffleboard Courts/Senior Center: Addressed in Recreation Director Report

New Business:

- July Meeting Date moved to July 11th due to Independence Day
- Boat Ramp gates to be enabled within the next few weeks.

Correspondence: None to address.

Public Portion:

Discussion at length regarding the need to adjust our facility fee rates to adequately maintain the facilities. Especially baseball fields are attractive to local but non-Somers Point based organizations, and the current fees are not adequate to maintain their excellent condition. Somers Point organizations such as Little League, Babe Ruth, and PAL have spent large amounts of money raised through extensive fundraising efforts to improve the fields. Subcommittee formed to discuss new fee structure prior to next meeting to address these concerns. Subcommittee to consist of M. Stewart, M. Endicott, C. Marshall. Next meeting will begin with discussion of subcommittee conclusions and vote to implement new fee structure.

Facility Reports:

- Fehrle Field: In terrific shape.
- Wayne Drive: No issues reported
- Senior Citizens/Community Center: No issues reported
- Kennedy Park: No issues reported.
- Kern Field: No issues reported.
- William Morrow Beach: No issues reported.
- Bike Path: No issues reported.

Adjournment of the Meeting:

Next Meeting:

- May 2nd, 2024