

Somers Point Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes –February 1st, 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 Adams

Commissioner Endicott

Commissioner Marshall

Commissioner Randour

Commissioner Shields

Commissioner Stanton

Commissioner Stewart

Also in attendance S McGuigan, Councilman, M Owen, Councilman

Approval of Minutes: Approved: M Endicott

Recreation Director Report:

• Shipping Containers – Mr. Shallcross is expecting a third quote and after receipt of that quote, Mr. Shallcross will confirm the project is ready to move forward.

Council Liaison Report:

Sean McGuigan – Nothing to report.

Mike Owens – Resolution 58 regarding Boat Ramp key fobs discounts for seniors and vets. The fees are \$10 daily, \$35 monthly, and \$150 for the year. Seniors and veterans pay \$75. The program is managed by Park Place. No discount for Somers Point residents. Commissioner Stewart asked if a price change can be implemented for Somers Point residents and referenced that the previous structure included a discount for Somers Point residents. Mr. Owens responded that a discount for Somers Point residents is not an option.

Facility Use Requests/Permits:

- Somers Point Captains SJSSBL
 - No representation from the applicant.
 - o Approved: C Marshall



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- New Logic Marine Science Camp
 - No representation from the applicant.
 - Commissioner Endicott asked if the group was offering free registration for children with financial difficulty. Mr. Shallcross will inquire to confirm if the group is continuing to offer financial assistance.
 - o Approved: C Marshall

Memorial Bench or Tree Requests:

Old Business:

- Playground Equipment no update
- Pickleball no update
- Shipping Container no update

New Business:

Correspondence:

Public Portion:

- Nick Wagner, PAL, Director of PAL
 - Mr. Wagner provided an update on PAL.
 - Little League gave approval to move forward with the PAL girls softball league.
 - Basketball clinic was held at Jordon Road School with 45 children enrolled. The program is free. PAL is seeking sponsorships.
 - PAL requested access to the field and snack stand.
 - Communications requesting sponsorships are being sent.
 - Approval was received to remove trees from the hockey courts.
 - The old court is starting to rot in the bottom.
 - Lights are expected to be delivered in March.
 - PAL will not be doing any travel and will host games.

Adam Gitsan, Northfield resident

- Inquired about a public restroom for the boat facility near the 9th street Bridge.
- The boat ramp, fishing pier and 9th Street Bridge is state property which is not Recreation jurisdiction
- Councilman McGuigan will investigate the request.



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Facility Reports:

- Fehrle Field
- Wayne Drive
- Senior Citizens/Community Center
- Kennedy Park
- Kern Field tree removal; roots; outsourcing the tree removal; started to replace some of the boards; a project was presented to city council for the hockey courts
- William Morrow Beach
- Bike Path Inquired about snow removal. McGuigan if an all city plow effort the bike path is included.

Adjournment of the Meeting:

Approved: C Marshall

Next Meeting:

March 7th, 2024