



**Somers Point Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes –January 16th, 2025
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 Stewart

NOMINATION FOR POSITIONS OF:

The Commission voted unanimously.

- CHAIRPERSON – Mike Stewart
- VICE-CHAIR – Matt Endicott
- SECRETARY – Donna Shields

Approval of Minutes: C Marshall

Recreation Director Report: City Council is scheduled to vote on removing the Recreation Director position at the next City Council meeting

Council Liaison Report:

- Council Member McGuigan – Nothing to report.
- Council is Member Haberkorn – nothing to report.

Facility Use Requests/Permits:

- Somers Point Police Athletic and Activities League- Youth Center
 - This application is recurring and there are no changes. The application was not represented at the meeting.
 - Approved: C Marshall
- Somers Point Arts Commission- Senior Center
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- Somers Point Pinochle Club- Senior Center
 - This application is recurring and there are no changes. The application was not represented at the meeting.
 - C Marshall

- August Wedding- Little League Field
 - William August, applicant, was present at the meeting. Mr. August is a Somers Point resident and umpire. Commission Member Endicott spoke with the Little League President and there is not objection to the application.
 - APPROVED: M Endicott

Memorial Bench or Tree Requests: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Be5D is a band performing concerts to donate funds to a national alliance mental awareness chareity. The event is similar to the Somers Point beach concert. Be5D is requesting William Morrow Beach, May 23, 2025 or May 30, 2025.
- After discussing the application, it was suggested the applicants be present to learn more about the event. It is noted that facility operations, for traffic and crowd control will be required. May 30, 2025, is the preferable date for this event.

Correspondence: None

Public Portion:

Maureen Helbig, Dawes Ave, Somers Point requested to extend the yoga series held at the Senior and Community Center by one week due to weather cancellations. The Commission held a unanimous vote and requested an application for a 6 month interval and extended the current application to February 7, 2025.

Charles Haberkorn, Chapman Blvd, Somers Point introduced a new initiative for Somers Point residents. Members of We Walk Somers Point are interested in bus trips such as trips to Smithville, NJ and theatres for a meal and show. Mr. Haberkorn is requesting seed money to fund these trips. The cost is \$11,000 for three trips / per person per trip cost is \$35. Mr. Haberkorn would like to pilot three trips and if successful would consider additional trips. was informed by the Commission that discretionary funds will be known in February or March.



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Bill August, Shore Road, Somers Point expressed his appreciation for the approval of his wedding application.

The Pickleball Group asked for an update on the pickleball court and shared with the Commission what other communities are doing to utilize tennis courts and pickleball courts and will share photos with Mr. Shallcross. The Group was informed that the Recreation Commission budget has not yet been finalized. The group requested the courts be scheduled for routine clean up. Mr. Shallcross will contact Public Works.

Facility Reports:

- Fehrle Field - Mike Stewart
- Wayne Drive – Mike Stanton
- Senior Citizens/Community Center – Brandon Adams
- Kennedy Park – Chris Marshall
- Kern Field – Matt Endicott
- William Morrow Beach – Donna Shields
- Bike Path – Larry Stanton

Adjournment of the Meeting: Brandon Adams

Next Meeting:

- February 6th, 2025