



Somers Point Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes – August 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 Randour
Commissioner Shields
Commissioner Stewart

Also in attendance: Councilman C Haberkorn, Councilman S McGuigan, Councilman M Owen

Approval of Minutes: M Endicott

Recreation Director Report:

Playground Equipment – No update to report.

Pickleball/Tennis Courts – New nets were ordered.

Shipping Container – Contacted the city engineer and waiting for a response.

Press Box - Need to develop a plan for the press box with the season is quickly approaching. The current press box has been vandalized several times in the last few months. The incidents have been reported to the police. There is a safety concern because the ladder can no longer be locked to prevent people from climbing up the press box. The door appears kicked in

Senior Center – The Recreation Commission members have received a draft copy of the Newsletter and survey that will be mailed to Somers Point residents. Commission members are asked that if they have any suggested changes to contact the Recreation Director.

Events – Nothing to report.

Baseball Field/Soccer Field – Converting the Little League Field to a full-time baseball field. Currently, there is no fence and the field is in poor condition due to soccer being played on the field. With the resurgence of softball in Somers Point, there is an immediate need for a second baseball field. Aerial picture shows the damage to the baseball field.



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Beach Toy Box – Attended the last safety meeting and it was decided to remove the toy library from the beach for safety concerns. The gentleman who built box removed the box from the beach. Some of the safety concerns were:

- Life Jackets and floats being used when there is no lifeguard on duty
- Broken chairs left in the box
- Broken and rusted toys
- Broken toy truck had a metal axle that was sticking up out of the sand
- Use the shovels to dig under the slides
- Toys not returned to the box and left on the beach

Council Liaison Report:

Councilman M Owen

- National night scheduled for August 5, 2024 at Kennedy Park
- Complimented the Recreation Director on the newsletter draft

Councilman C Haberkorn

- We Walk Somers Point walks each Monday at 8:30am. The typical number of walkers is 10. Email addresses have been collected from participants. A total of 30 email addresses collected. Weekly update is sent.

Facility Use Requests/Permits: None

Memorial Bench or Tree Requests:

- Gandhi Bench
- Applicant was not present. No specific request on location to place the bench in Kennedy Park.
- Approved: B Marshall

Old Business:

- Playground Equipment
 - Continuing the conversation with the contractor
- Shipping Container and Press Box – see Recreation Director's report
- Senior/Community Center – see Recreation Director's report



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New Business:

- Somers Point Little League Fields - see Recreation Director's report
- Removal of Toy Box at Beach – see Recreation Director's report

Correspondence: None to report

Public Portion:

Councilman C Haberkorn – Received quotes to repair the shuffleboard at the Senior Center. The cost is approximately \$10,000-\$12,000. The project is put on hold at this time.

Nick Wagner –

- Kennedy Park boat ramp - Suggested relining the parking lot and repair a pothole that seems to be getting worse over time.
- Little League – The snack stand repairs were sent to Public Works

Facility Reports:

- Fehrle Field – some issues on the inside that are being addressed with Public Works
- Wayne Drive -
- Senior Citizens/Community Center – looks good
- Kennedy Park – volleyball nets have been installed
- Kern Field -
- William Morrow Beach
- Bike Path – overgrown bushes

Adjournment of the Meeting:

Approved: B Adams

Next Meeting:

- September 5th, 2024