



Somers Point Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes – May 2nd, 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 Shields Commissioner Stanton Commissioner Stewart

Also in Attendance:

Councilman S McGuigan
Councilman M Owens

Absent: Commissioner Adams

Approval of Minutes: Approved M Endicott

Recreation Director Report:

- Playground Equipment: No update
- Pickleball: No update
- Shipping Container: Scheduling a meeting to review the shipping container and the flooding issue at the football field.
- Shuffleboard Courts/Senior and Community Center: Received an interest in playing shuffleboard and helping to resurface the courts. The estimated cost is \$750-\$1500 depending on labor cost. Once the courts are repaired, two groups will be organized to play Wednesday morning and Wednesday evening.
- Walking Groups: We Walk Somers Point is an organized weekly walking event beginning Monday, June 3, 2024. Each week the group meets at a different meeting location.
- It was suggested the name for the Senior Center to be changed to Community Center to more inclusive. The name can be misleading as some believe they are not old enough to participate in the events and activities. A questionnaire was posted at the center for feedback. The name is changed to Senior and Community Center and new signage has been installed.
- Events: Approved two birthday parties to be held at Kenndey Park, May 25, 2024 and June 22, 2024.



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Council Liaison Report:

- S. McGuigan
- M. Owens
 - Bayfest 2024 was a successful event.
 - Green Team planted new shade trees behind the Senior and Community Center.
 - Boat Ramps are active, and fees are posted to the website. Boat passes can be purchased through the website.
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Sub Committee Report:

- Facilities Fees Committee
 - Committee Members: M. Endicott, C. Marshall, and M. Stewart
 - The Committee discussed fees to be more in line to help maintain fields and other municipalities in Somers Point. Attachment A lists the details of the meeting and changes to the facilities.
 - No comments were made during the public portion.
 - A straw vote was taken and the result is unanimous to implement the changes to facilities as listed in Attachment A. The changes are effective May 2, 2024.

Facility Use Requests/Permits:

- Bridal Shower- MacEwan
 - No representation
 - Motion: C. Marshall
 - Approved: M. Edicott
- Graduation Party- Barbour
 - No representation
 - Motion: M. Endicott
 - Approved: C. Marshall
- Somers Point PAL
 - Representation: Nick Wagner, 625 Pennsylvania Ave
 - Mr. Wagner, PAL representative, is requesting approval for the use of Youth Center until a long-term lease arrangement can be granted. The Recreation Commission will recommend to City Council to approve a long-term lease of the Youth Center to PAL.
 - Motion: C. Marshall
 - Approved: M. Endicott
- 11u USA Prime Oilers
 - Representation: none
 - Motion: C. Marshall
 - Approved: M. Endicott
 - Approved with new fee structure approved at the May 2, 2024 meeting.



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Memorial Bench or Tree Requests:

- Donohue Bench
 - No representation
 - Applicant is acceptable of placing a bench at Kennedy Park or the bike path.
 - It was suggested that benches can be installed at the hockey court. Mr. Shallcross to discuss options with the Donohue family.
 - Motion: M. Endicott
 - Approved: C. Marshall
 - Approved to place the bench at any facility except for Kennedy Park on the water.

Old Business:

- Playground Equipment – S. McGuigan will contact the vendor.
- See Recreation Director update.

New Business:

- July Meeting Date is changed from July 4, 2024 to July 18, 2024 due to the holiday.

Correspondence: None

Public Portion:

Motion: C. Marshall

Approved: M. Endicott

- M. Stewart requested the volleyball poles at Kennedy Park be painted and the volleyball net installed. Mr. Shallcross will submit the request.

Motion: C. Marshall

Approved: M. Endicott

Facility Reports:

- Fehrle Field - Good
- Wayne Drive – A latch on the gate is needed. Mr. Shallcross to submit a request.
- Senior Citizens/Community Center - Good
- Kennedy Park - Good
- Kern Field - Good
- William Morrow Beach - Good
- Bike Path - Good



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- M. Owens shared the Historical Social is hosting their annual Porch Night on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at Gregory'a

Adjournment of the Meeting:

Approved: C. Marshall

Next Meeting:

- Thursday, June 6, 2024 – 7:00pm