

## **Somers Point Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes – June 22, 2020**

### **Special Meeting called to order by Commission Chair P. Huber at 7:05pm**

#### **Open Public Meetings Act**

Pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act, adequate notice of this Recreation Commission has been provided. The Agenda for this meeting has been posted in City Hall and the City's website at somerspointgov.org. In conformity with recommendations and advice of County, State, National and International Public Health agencies regarding public gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Somers Point will provide live streaming capabilities of its meetings, commencing. The public is restricted from attending the meeting at City Hall. However, the public may provide questions and comments via live streaming using Zoom during the Public Portion of the meeting. The instructions to electronically attend the meeting are posted on the City's website or you may call 1-301-715-8592, and when prompted enter the Meeting ID: 231 492 4591.

#### **Flag Salute**

#### **I. ROLL CALL**

B. Adams M. Endicott P. Huber D. Lovenduski C. Marshall D. Shields M. Stewart

**Also present:** Councilman S. McGuigan, Councilman M. Owen, City Administrator W. Swain

#### **II. Approval of Minutes:**

None

#### **III. CER Report**

No report from CER – position was eliminated due to COVID-19.

#### **IV. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT**

McGuigan informed the Commission that since the CER position was eliminated due to COVID-19, Council is discussing a plan fill the CER role. Huber suggested a part time person to get projects to happen; someone to assist the Commission with housekeeping items such as applications.

#### **V. CITY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS**

- The Commission addressed the items submitted by Swain. Swain informed the Commission that he can temporarily manage the phone calls and emails until things settle.
- General: The Commission plans to return to regular meetings remotely via Zoom and will work hand in hand with the city on handling matters.
- Beach: C
  - Beach Concerts: Will need the city's help on opening the beach and the logistics. Pending applications will be discussed at the July meeting. Organizations submitting applications will be asked to present their COVID-related plan at the July meeting. Organizations wanting to use the beach will need to pay expenses for cleaning bathrooms
  - Opening the Beach for Bathing: Huber addressed the Commission to vote to open the beach to bathing. Vote was 4-2. Swain will move forward to hire lifeguards; may need to hire someone to assist with social distancing and bathroom facilities.
- JFK Park:
  - Organizations submitting applications to use the facility will be responsible for the expenses incurred to clean the bathrooms.
- Boat Ramp:
  - The Commission agreed those who purchased 2020 boat passes will be given a free 2021 boat pass. Swain will draft a letter to those who purchased a boat pass for the 2020 season.
- Senior Center:
  - Arts Commission: Art for Seniors by the Arts Commission will be held July and August with about 20 attendees. The Arts Commission will be responsible for the expense to clean the bathrooms. The rental fee is waived. The classes would need to be downsized.
  - Exercise Class: Exercise classes to be held on Wednesdays at 9:00am with about 5 – 10 people. A formal application will need to be submitted and will be responsible for cleaning the bathrooms.
- Tennis Courts:

- Courts are open. Contractors have previously been approved to paint the lines for the pickleball courts. Swain will get quotes and proceed.
- Fields:
  - All organizations will need to follow CDC Guidelines.
  - Little League/Senior League and Shark's Football/Cheerleading applications were approved at the March meeting.
  - Mainland Coaches vs. Cancer will be requested to submit an application.
  - Hartley addressed the Commission: Kids will be limited in the dugout and there will be a kids only section and parents only section.
  - Swain contact S. Somers for previously approved applications.
  - Hartley will provide Swain with the March meeting minutes and the applications that were approved.
  - Hartley to send league guidelines to Swain.

**VI. Facility Use Requests/Permits:**

- Somers Point School District – JFK Park: In-person 8<sup>th</sup> grade class picture and celebration; 45 minutes; under 100 people; will follow the CDC guidelines; parents will be outside the fence or in cars; someone will monitor the bathrooms; School District responsible for cleaning the bathrooms; no permit fee.
- Marine Science Camp – William Morrow Beach: Need to submit a formal application
- Arts Commission – JFK Park: Responsible for the expense to clean the bathrooms; rental fee is waived; classes need to be downsized.
- Poetry Reading – JFK Park: Application is amended to be a reading and not a musical; 20 people
- PR Racing – JFK Park: Application approved; normal application fee; responsible for pre and post event cleaning.

**VII. Old Business**

- Beach Concerts to be discussed at July meeting

**VIII. New Business**

- See Section V.
- Owens attended an EDAC meeting; Amy Allocim (spelling?) requested to set up a mini library near the Somers Point Mansion, bike path, and beach. Amy will need to submit correspondence on how the library will be maintained for the July meeting.
- McGuigan provided details on how to apply for a memorial bench in JFK Park.
- Huber requested a Recreation Commission tab on the Somers Point website.

**IX. Correspondence**

**X. Public Portion**

- Pat J (last name?) asked for a status of the time for the pickleball courts to be completed. Depending on the contractor's availability, the project could be completed in a couple of weeks.

**XI. Facility Reports**

- Huber asked Commission to check their assigned facilities to see what needs to be done and to think about projects to budget for next year.

**XII. Good of the Order**

NEXT MEETING JULY 2, 2020 – 7:00PM