



Somers Point Recreation Commission
Meeting Minute – July 1st, 2021
7:00 PM

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Call to Order 7:04pm by M. Stewart

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Roll Call:

Commissioner Adams Commissioner Endicott Commissioner Shields
Commissioner Stewart

Also in attendance: J. Frost, S. McGuigan, M. Owens, J. McCarrie, D Shallcross

Approval of Minutes: M. Endicott

Recreation Director Report:

- Approved Permits
 - Gathering at JFK Park on July 11, 2021, for 15 people
 - Birthday party at JFK Park on July 5, 2021, for 40 people

Council Liaison Report:

Facility Use Requests/Permits:

- Trail of Two Cities 5 K
 - Explained to applicant that the Commission has jurisdiction for only the park.
 - Permit approved.
 - M Stewart motion, M Endicott approved
- Eagle Project Permission-Bender
 - Applicant instructed to submit to Public Work
 - M Stewart motion, M Endicott approved
- Shore employee softball game
 - M Stewart motion, M Endicott approved



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Memorial Bench Requests:

- Tierno
 - M Stewart motion, M Endicott approved

Memorial Tree Requests:

Old Business:

- Memorial Tree cost and pricing
 - D. Shallcross reported the cost is \$100 per tree.
 - Allow trees to be planted in September and October.
 - Memorial tree is cared for by donor.
 - Donor responsible for purchasing and planting the tree.
 - Commission suggested a cherry tree.
 - Application needs approval from Public Works.
 - Commission approves location of tree and plaque.
 - Commission would like to increase only the fee.
 - Need to identify Public Works responsible – inviting Guy Malin to August 5, 2021, meeting.

- Playground equipment maintenance
 - Picnic benches expect to be shipped at the end of July and arrive early August.
 - Approximately three to four months to install.
 - J. Frost provided an update.
 - Challenge getting manufacturer quotes and waiting for response from manufacturer.
 - Equipment cannot be fixed because of insurance liability if not fixed correctly and if something were to happen it would not be covered by insurance.
 - Applied for a grant that will pay for the equipment.
 - If grant is received new equipment to be purchased.
 - If grant is not received, there is money for repairs of the existing equipment.
 - S. McGuigan provided an update.
 - The replacement plan is to have three quotes to assess and present to City Council.

New Business:

- Resolution 1 of 2021 - Recreation Director's Authority
 - Formalize per City Solicitor
 - M Stewart motion, D. Shields approved

- Memorial Bench long-term availability planning.
 - Determine the number of benches for the amount remaining space.
 - Should application include residency requirement.
 - Need to gather data to decide.
 - Establish a more detailed application.



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- Return to in Person Meetings
 - August 5, 2021, meeting will be in person.
 - M Stewart motion, M Endicott approved
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Correspondence:

Public Portion:

- Stacie Brookbank
 - Inquired about a bounce house for a birthday party and was informed that it is outlined in detailed on the permit.
 - Art in the Park – great event and very clean the next day.
 - Raised concern for the playgrounds.
 - Beach playground has electrical tape on step
 - Kennedy Park – butterfly has caution tape
 - Asked for a timeline for the playground to be replaced or fixed.
 - Requested a parent’s group to select equipment to be compliant.
 - Has a concern for all children playing at the playgrounds.
 - Ms. Brookbank called three years ago to Park & Recreation and was told it was ordered.
 - Suggested replacing the mulch to the areas safer.
- S. McGuigan response
 - Doubling our efforts to repair all playground equipment.
 - Has received citizen’s input.
 - Offered to share plans with Ms. Brookbank.
 - Invited Ms. Brookbank to send a list of concerns and suggestions to him via email.
- Theresa Dougherty
 - Inquired about an assessment of all facilities.
 - Suggested community have input and conduct a Town Hall for parents of young children to have more input.
 - Offered to serve on the Commission and inquired as to the process.
- S. McGuigan response
 - Mayor appoints and seeks Council approval
 - Currently discussing to keep Commission at five members or increasing the members to seven.
- M. Owens response
 - Explained each Commission member is responsible for one facility to report items in need of attention.
 - Public portion is for public to bring items in need of attention to the Commission.

Facility Reports:

- Fehrle Field
- Wayne Drive



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- Senior Citizens/Community Center
- Kennedy Park
- Kern Field
- William Morrow Beach
- Bike Path

Adjournment of the Meeting:

- M Stewart motion, D Shields approved

Next Meeting:

- August 5th, 2021, 7:00pm, City Hall

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