



Somers Point Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes – June 3rd, 2021
7:00 PM

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Roll Call:

Commissioner Adams Commissioner Endicott Commissioner Shields
Commissioner Stewart

Also in attendance: J Frost, Sean McGuigan, Mike Owens, D Shallcross

Approval of Minutes: Matt Endicott

Recreation Director Report:

- Two events were approved.
 - June 6, 2021 – JFK Park – 30 people
 - June 21, 2021 – JFK Park – 30 people
- Beach is open on weekends only; lifeguard position has been posted.

Council Liaison Report: Nothing to report.

Facility Use Requests/Permits:

- Good Old Days Festival – 2021
 - M Stewart motion, M Endicott approved
- Beach Concerts- 2021
 - M Stewart motion, M Endicott approved

Memorial Bench Requests:

- Mullen
 - M Stewart motion, M Endicott approved
- Scamoffa
 - M Stewart motion, M Endicott approved



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Memorial Tree Requests:

- Somers Point Democratic Club/Kimberly O'Brien
 - M Stewart motion, M Endicott approved

- Commission discussed the cost and process for memorial trees and plaques.
 - Public Works supplies the tree.
 - \$100 fee paid by sponsor.
 - Doug Shallcross, Recreation Director will research the cost and process for commission to discuss the fee and process.

Old Business:

- Memorial Bench Requests- Davis

New Business:

- Waiving of Fee for Lacrosse Party
 - Fee is waived by Commission straw poll.
- Removal of Derelict Playground Equipment
 - Continue to work to identify a program to replace and repair playground equipment.
 - When ready, Public Works will remove the old equipment.
 - Looking at existing pieces to determine if the equipment can be repaired.
 - The replacement project needs to be analyze quotes and present the plan to the Commissions at the July meeting.

Correspondence:

Public Portion:

- Stacie Brockback addressed the Commission regarding the playground equipment and that Council being proactive is inaccurate. The playground equipment at the beach has caution tape which is not working and there are sharp objects on the ladder. Mrs. Brockback stated that Jordan School was planning a field trip to the beach the following week and the equipment is unsafe. She also commented that the equipment at Kennedy Park has a broken sliding board. Mrs. Brockback volunteered to be part of the committee to select the new equipment. Councilman McGuigan addressed Mrs. Brockback's concerns. McGuigan will contact the joint insurance fund to have the equipment evaluated for safety.

- Theresa Dougherty addressed the commission. Ms. Dougherty thanks Doug Shallcross for posting a list of volunteers on the Somers Point website and commented that not all volunteers are clear about what the requirements are and clarification is needed.



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Facility Reports:

- Fehrle Field – hole in the softball field
- Wayne Drive
- Senior Citizens/Community Center
- Kennedy Park
- Kern Field
- William Morrow Beach
- Bike Path

Adjournment of the Meeting:

- B Adams, M Endicott approved

Next Meeting:

- July 1st, 2021

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