



**Somers Point Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes – September 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.

***Flag Salute***

***In Attendance:***

Commissioner Marshall  
Commissioner Randour  
Commissioner Shields  
Commissioner Stanton  
Commissioner Stewart

Also in attendance: Council Members C Haberkorn, S McGuigan, M Owen

***Approval of Minutes:*** M Randour

***Recreation Director Report:***

- Playground Equipment- Nothing to report
- Pickleball/Tennis Courts- Nothing to report
- Shipping Container- Met with the city engineer and a representative from Hughes Electric Co. The plans are not yet final. A rough estimate is \$10,000 was provided to complete the project.
- Senior Center - The newsletter and survey have been printed and were mailed with the tax bills to 3,909 residential accounts.
- Events- None

***Council Liaison Report:***

Council Member McGuigan

- Council passed a resolution to send a request for contractor bids to replace the West Hockey Court

Council Member Owen

- The Senior Community Center signage is cracked and requesting new signage.
- Requested that "Arts" be included in the name of the building

Council Member Haberkorn



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- We Walk Somers Point group distributed the communication questionnaire to the walkers.
- The group is expanding the program to add an additional to walk.



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**Facility Use Requests/Permits:**

- Pickup Soccer Games
  - George Karayiannis 10 Cessna Ct, Ocean View, NJ addressed the Commission
    - In recent years, the applicant has submitted proof of insurance, received permits, cleaned up after their games, and paid \$1800 for a timer.
    - Two weeks ago, a woman, whose name is unknown, approached the group screaming at the players for using the field.
    - Permit overdue, they have proof of insurance and offered to do whatever is needed.
    - The soccer nets were removed from the field.
  - Commissioner Stewart
    - Apologized for the mishandling informed Mr. Karayiannis that Public Works removed the nets. Public Works is concerned about the wear and tear on the field.
    - Informed the group of the new fee structure, and the maintenance of the field is falling on the city and costs are being consumed by the organizations and the baseball program is expanding.
  - Frank Caltaellotto, 605 Roosevelt, Northfield, NJ – addressed the commission to voice his dislike to the fee structure.
  - Ititolo Dionicaio – Ocean Heights, Somers Point, NJ – addressed the commission to voice his disappointment.
  - Commissioner Stewart suggested that the meeting move on and made a motion to table the application.
  - L Stanton seconded the motion.
- Super Tots Sports Academy
  - No applicant representation.
  - Applicant requested to change dates to September 25, 2024 through – October 30, 2024 for more time to advertise the activity.
  - Application is approved with the amended dates, September 25, 2024 through – October 30, 2024.
  - Approved: Chris Marshall
- Mainland Baseball
  - Joe Smith, 508 Cedarbrook Lane, Linwood, NJ
    - Requesting to use the Babe Ruth Field for baseball clinics for 9-12 Mainland students one night a week.
    - D Shallcross will confirm dates to use the facility.
    - Application is approved pending the dates to use the facility.
    - Approved: C Marshall



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***Memorial Bench or Tree Requests:***

- Gifford Bench
  - No applicant representation
  - The applicant is requesting the bench to be placed at JFK Park near the water. D Shallcross explained there is available space near the water at JFK Park. Mr. Shallcross had a conversation with the applicant and they agreed to place the bench anywhere in JFK Park
  - Mr. Shallcross is working with applicant on the anchor engraving.
  - Approved: C Marshall

***Old Business:***

- Playground Equipment – see Councilman McGuigan’s update.
- Shipping Container/Press Box
- Senior/Community Center
  - Council Member Haberkorn
    - The shuffle boards at the Senior Center are cleaned and have asked people in the area to test out the shuffle boards. Once the shuffle boards are playable, the shuffle boards will need to be painted.
  - Council Member McGuigan
    - Requesting to continue the Tuesday morning yoga session and to add a Thursday morning session at 10:00am. Sessions on Tuesday and Thursday for a six-month period. Thursday session will start October 24, 2024. Applicant will submit the application for approval at the October 2024 meeting.

***New Business:***

- Council Member Haberkorn addressed the group and expressed the two days per week for walking and two days per week for yoga positive programs and would like to seek the programs continue.
- Mr. Shallcross responded. In addition to the walking and yoga programs, he has been hearing good comments about the heard the art classes and pinochle club having good participation.

***Correspondence:***

***Public Portion:***

***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:*** C Marshall

***Next Meeting:***

- October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024