



**Somers Point Recreation Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes – July 18<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 Adams  
Commissioner Endicott  
Commissioner Marshall  
Commissioner Randour  
Commissioner Shields  
Commissioner Stanton  
Commissioner Stewart

Also in attendance: Councilman Haberkorn, Councilman McGuigan

***Approval of Minutes:*** Approved: C Marshall

***Recreation Director Report:***

- Playground – Nothing to report.
- Pickle Ball / Tennis Courts – Straps were received and scheduled to be installed.
- Football Field: flood issue - Public Works is developing a plan to correct the flood issue.
- Seniors Communication – The tax department has agreed to insert a communication piece with the tax bill. The communication piece will be survey and information about activities for Seniors.
- Approved 4 events being held at Kennedy Park.

***Council Liaison Report:***

- Councilman McGuigan
  - Provided an update on the Kennedy Park playground equipment. Currently negotiating the final design and pricing expected to be next week. The playground equipment budget has been passed and the bond ordinance is in place and we are in a position to move forward.
  - Provided an update on the replacement of the hockey courts. Councilman McGuigan expects to have the pricing and will with hockey representatives for the design.



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- Budget pricing to resurface shuffleboard courts. Haberkorn to speak more. Sean will support getting the project completed quickly
- Councilman Haberkorn
  - Shuffleboard -- Budget to resurface shuffleboard courts has been submitted to Council. Councilmen Haberkorn and McGuigan fully support completing the project quickly.
  - Walking Somers Point – Approximately 25 people have attended the event on Monday mornings.

***Facility Use Requests/Permits:***

- Trail of 2 Cities
  - Jane Alvarez spoke on behalf of the application.
  - Fourth year as chair for the Somers Point side and has worked with the Police Chief in the past. This is a well-run event that supports the Education Foundation.
  - Approved: C Marshall (Larry abstained from the vote because of his involvement.)
- Jordan Road School Soccer and Cross Country
  - No representation
  - Approved: C Marshall
- Somers Point Pinochle Club- Senior Center
  - No representation
  - Renewal application. The end date is noted to be January 19, 2025.
  - Approved: B Adams
- Somers Point Arts Commission- Senior Center
  - No representations
  - Renewal application. The end date is noted to be January 19, 2025.
  - Approved: B Adams
- Somers Point PAL- Youth Center
  - No representation
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- Senior- Yoga Classes
  - Maureen Helbig, Yoga Instructor spoke on behalf of the application.
  - Seniors are asking to continue yoga classes. The group would like to offer two yoga sessions, one in the morning and another in the evening at 6:00pm.
  - The application is extended and expires August 1, 2024
  - Approved: M Stanton

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

***Old Business:***

- Playground Equipment – see Councilman McGuigan’s update.
- Shipping Container – Engineer to report on the electric and location of the container.
- Senior Center usage and increased activities, communication.
  - It has been determined that online communication is not feasible for all. The Tax Office has offered to include a communication piece in their tax bill mailing scheduled to go in September. The communication piece is a survey to identify the frequency of communication and the form of communication to use such as mail, email, website.
  - Mr. Shallcross is investigating an event board to be installed outside the senior center
  - Terry O’Connor submitted an email to Mr. Shallcross and Commission Chair Stewart with a list of suggestions for Seniors. Mr. O’Connor explained that communications in the past was a quarterly communication piece listing all organized events.
  - A suggestion was made to insert the Seniors communication piece with the trash and recycle schedule.
  - Work continues to develop a communications plan. An update will be provided at the August meeting.
  - Volleyball net arrived and Public Works is scheduled to install the net.
  - Pickleball – It was reported that there is hole in the net and straps.



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***New Business:***

- Somers Point Softball Reimbursement
  - Recurring expense to be paid by the Recreation Commission
  - Straw vote was taken
  - Unanimous decision

***Correspondence:***

- Terry O'Connor submitted an email to Mr. Shallcross and Commission Chair Stewart with a list of suggestions for Seniors. Mr. O'Connor explained that communications in the past was a quarterly communication piece listing all organized events.

***Public Portion:*** No comments

***Facility Reports:***

- Fehrle Field
- Wayne Drive – Net and straps need to be repaired and/or replaced.
- Senior Citizens/Community Center – looks good
- Kennedy Park – a lot of activity happening at the park
- Kern Field – looks good; field is being fertilize
- William Morrow Beach – issue with beach toy box where toys are not properly being returned
- Bike Path – all good

***Adjournment of the Meeting:*** Mike Stanton Approved

***Next Meeting:***

- August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024