

# ***Somerville Recreation Commission***

Somerville New Jersey

November 9th, 2011

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The scheduled Regular Session of the Somerville Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 in the Recreation Office, 25 West End Avenue, Somerville, New Jersey. The meeting came to order at 8:02pm.

## ***ROLL CALL:***

**Present:** Chairman Tammy Stouchko, Vice Chairman Mike Zolandz; Commissioners Ken Cornell, John Scott, Sean Decker, Carlos Sanchez; Council Liaison Jane Kobuta; Recreation Director Joe Pidany.

**Absent:** Commissioners Jon Roethke (excused), Drew McLachlan and Bob Axmann.

Vice Chairman Mike Zolandz opened the meeting and stated, *"The meeting will please come to order. Adequate notice of this meeting as required by the Open Meeting Act has been provided in that on January 1, 2011 a copy of a notice specifying the time, location and date was (1) posted upon the bulletin board outside of Borough Hall, (2) mailed to the Courier News, and (3) given to the Clerk Administrator. If any member of this body believes this meeting is being held in violations of the Open Meeting Act, please state your views at this time."* Hearing none, we moved to the next item on the agenda.

## ***APPROVAL OF MINUTES:***

A motion was made by Ken Cornell, seconded by Jay Scott to approve the minutes from the November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting. Approved, 3 – 0 (C. Sanchez abstained due to his absence in the November meeting; T. Stouchko and S. Decker were not present at the time of the vote).

## ***COMMUNICATION:***

Mike Zolandz's and Jay Scott's reappointment letter that was submitted to (Borough Administrator) Kevin Sluka and (Mayor) Brian Gallagher were passed among the Commission for perusal.

## ***OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:***

Jennifer Patternoster, of 111 Eastern Avenue in Somerville, and Danyel Frankel, of 53 Fieldstone Drive in Somerville, were both onhand to listen and observe.

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## **DIRECTOR & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **Finance** – Profit/Loss update was provided. T. Stouchko questioned why some figures don't match. J. Pidany followed up and learned it was due to salary being paid as a vendor, as opposed as out of payroll. A couple of \$55 payments were questions and realized it was for Lovenberg rentals. Everything needed to be done to this point for the 2012 budget is complete.
2. **Program** – S. Decker provided details about the Over-35 Open Basketball program to begin in January, 2012, as well as an idea for Adult Kickball. He also shared details regarding his meeting with Van Derveer Principal, Susan Haynes (i.e. new program ideas, using more teachers as instructors and partnerships with the PTO). J. Pidany passed around a waiver form the department will use to document registrants who request to waive their program registration dues. It was accepted by the Commission. A thought to also include a copy of the residents' reduced price/free lunch letter from the BOE to supplement their requests was shared and agreed upon. J. Pidany will request the (2011-12) number of reduced price/free lunches given in the district from Dr. Purnell. J. Pidany brought up the suggestion to offer children of volunteer coaches a benefit in payment. In 2012 and beyond, it was agreed: For every sports program a parent/guardian of a participating child (or children) volunteers as a coach, they will receive 50% off one child's registration dues. J. Scott made the motion to approve, M. Zolandz seconded and it was approved, 4 – 0 (T. Stouchko and S. Decker abstained).
3. **Director** – J. Pidany discussed the quotes received for the pool pump upgrades and maintenance. Between Hunter Pools, LLC and LevCo Pools, Hunter seems to be the better option. We will discuss our options of how to pay for these services in our next meeting. J. Pidany also brought the Commission up to speed on his month's meetings (i.e. who he met with, what was discussed and some of the areas for future discussion).

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Website Redesign** – Paul Taubman joined us to go over the three versions of website tools we can choose to support our website. He also filled us in on the fact we are now using a new, more cost-effective host for our site. After careful consideration, the Commission agreed to move ahead with Word Press. M. Zolandz made the motion, J. Scott seconded it and it was approved, 4 – 0 (T. Stouchko and S. Decker were not present at the time of the vote).
2. **CapturePoint** – It was decided that the online registration software figures do not justify our means at this time.
3. **Fee Schedule** – K. Cornell made the motion to approve the 2012 Fee Schedule, S. Decker seconded the motion and it was approved, 6 – 0.

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## ***NEW BUSINESS***

1. **Slate of Officers** – K. Cornell nominated M. Zolandz as the Commission Chair. S. Decker seconded the motion and it was approved, 6 – 0. K. Cornell moved to close the nomination for Chair. K. Cornell motioned to nominate J. Scott as the Commission Vice Chair. M. Zolandz seconded the motion and it was approved, 6 – 0. K. Cornell moved to close the slate of officer nominations.
2. **Commission Meeting Schedule** – It was agreed to move the 2012 Commission meetings to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday as the primary meeting date. A change of venue was discussed. Police Headquarters and the BOE conference room will be considered. Next month's meeting will be changed from January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012, at 8:00pm, to January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012, at 6:30pm. J. Pidany will make the necessary correspondence to notify the proper personnel, etc...

## ***RESOLUTIONS:***

(None)

## ***EXECUTIVE SESSION:***

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:12 and 13, the public shall be excluded from the Executive Session of the Governing Body which is being held for the discussion of the following subject matter:

1. Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation;
2. Personnel matters;

(See specific list set forth in attached copy of N.J.S.A. 10: 4-12) This Executive Session shall continue for an indefinite period of time and upon termination of the Executive Session, the Governing Body may choose to resume the public portion of the meeting. The discussion, which shall be conducted in closed session, shall be disclosed upon termination of litigation or contractual matter, upon resolution of the personnel matter with consent of said person or persons and as provided by N.J.S.A. 4-12 but in no case later than two (2) years from this date. These minutes shall be available as soon as the matter is resolved or not later than two years hence.

**Part-Time Employment Hours Discussion** – J. Scott motioned to enter into Executive Session, K. Cornell seconded the motion and it was approved, 6 – 0. M. Zolandz and J. Pidany discussed the interview held for a night part-time employee. William (Billy) Caputo was interviewed and will be offered the job. Compensation to be offered will start at \$13.50/hour. We also plan to bring on a daytime, part-time employee in 2012 as well. The post for the daytime position will go out in January (2012). S. Decker motioned to exit Executive Session and K. Cornell seconded the motion. It was approved, 6 – 0.

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## ***APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:***

A motion was made by J. Scott to approve 1 – 11 of the 12 vouchers for payment, seconded by K. Cornell. Approved, 6 – 0. Once/if the 12<sup>th</sup> voucher is verified, K. Cornell will come to the office to sign it and it will be processed accordingly.

## ***ADJOURNMENT:***

There being no further business, M. Zolandz made a motion to adjourn, and J. Scott seconded the motion. It was approved, 6 – 0. The meeting adjourned at 10:11pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 6:30pm in the Recreation Office located at 25 West End Avenue in Somerville.

Joe Pidany  
Acting as Secretary