

# ***Somerville Recreation Commission***

Somerville New Jersey

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The scheduled Regular Session of the Somerville Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 in the Recreation Office, 25 West End Avenue, Somerville, New Jersey. The meeting came to order at 8:00 P.M.

## ***ROLL CALL:***

**Present:** Chairman Tammy Stouchko, Vice Chairman Mike Zolandz, Commissioners Jon Roethke, John Scott, Carlos Sanchez, Sean Decker and Council Liaison Jane Kobuta

**Absent:** Bob Axmann, Ron Thornburg and Ken Cornell.

Chairman Tammy Stouchko opened the meeting and stated that "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:***

John Scott offered a motion for approval of the February 9, 2011 minutes. This was seconded by Sean Decker and approved 3 - 0 - 1.

## ***COMMUNICATION:***

1. Timothy O'Halloran, Principal SHS and Sister Regina Havens, Principal Immaculata HS submitted requests for annual scholarship – (SHS – Yohn and Bray , HIS – Long and Khoury). Motion made by Chairman Tammy Stouchko seconded by Sean Decker to award \$ 250.00 per scholarship for each High School and to award \$ 50.00 for the SMS scholarship.  
Approved 5 – 0.

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

1. In attendance was Tom Auffenorde, Chairman of the Environmental Commission. (Residing at 26 Mastogen Drive). A discussion ensued on the feasibility of a rain garden in Walck Park. The commission to begin a tree planting project along the Peter Brook Greenway from Bridge St. to Southside in lieu of the rain garden. April time frame for planting. NJ American Water grant program to fund this project.

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2. Brian Smith, President SBI, addressed commission on SBI building new mounds at the Carol Payer Sports Complex fields. Scheduled for march 19, 2011, rain date April 2, 2011.

## ***DIRECTOR & COMMITTEE REPORTS:***

1. 2011 Budget Review: Chairman Tammy Stouchko reviewed the presentation of the SRC 2010 Annual Report to the Mayor and Council. The presentation was well received. Jane Kobuta to contact Administrator Kevin Sluka for clarification on the line item for Borough therapeutic recreation services provided by the Somerset County Park Commission to our residents. This annual payment, 2010 amount was \$ 2,450.00, has come from the SRC operating budget. For 2011 the SRC has zero funds available and no operating accounts as they have all been eliminated.

## ***OLD BUSINESS:***

1. SBI annual agreements for use of the shack and the selling of sponsorships at the Carol Payer Sports Complex for this season. The content of the signage will be approved by the SRC prior to production. Agreements have been executed.
2. Skaterink / Volleyball – Tabled - Jon Roethke to report on a combination skaterink and volleyball court here in town.
3. Par Course resolution to award contract for equipment has been adopted by council. Project ready to move forward with the purchase and installation of station equipment. Chairman Tammy Stouchko and Mayor Gallagher led a group to determine the site locations that will extend from Southside to Mountain Avenue along the Peters Brook Greenway.

## ***NEW BUSINESS***

1. Walck Park Rain Garden application has been discussed in the Open portion of this meeting.
2. Mastogen Drive Engineering Check – John Scott reported on the drainage pipes in this piece of property and were discussed. John Scott to discuss with Pete Hendershot and review the site drawings. Additional ideas for use of this piece of property need to be explored in future meetings.
3. Greenway Committee Representation discussed. Sewan Decker to act as the SRC representative for this community group that will monitor the Peters Brook Greenway.
4. Director Frank Quinn submitted his retirement letter (attached). Commission read and accepted his retirement request with regret and commended Mr. Quinn on his exemplary thirty three year career working for the SRC.

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## ***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

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

Chairman Tammy Stouchko made a motion to accept the voucher for payment. This was seconded by Jon Roehcke. Approved 6 – 0.

## ***ADJOURNMENT:***

There being no further business, Sean Decker made a motion to adjourn. John Scott seconded the motion. Approved 6 – 0. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm. Next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at 8:00 pm in the Recreation Office located at 25 West End Avenue in Somerville.

Tim Kassel, Program Supervisor  
Acting as Secretary