

Somerville Recreation Commission

Somerville New Jersey

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The scheduled Regular Session of the Somerville Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, September 14, 2011, in the Recreation Office; 25 West End Avenue, Somerville, New Jersey. The meeting came to order at 8:00pm.

ROLL CALL:

Present: (Chairman) Tammy Stouchko, (Vice Chairman) Mike Zolandz, (Commissioners) Ken Cornell, Bob Axmann, Sean Decker, (1st Alternate) Carlos Sanchez and (Council Liaison) Jane Kobuta.

Absent: (Commissioners) Ron Thornburg, Jay Scott and (2nd Alternate) Jon Roethke.

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:

A motion was made by Ken Cornell, seconded by Mike Zolandz to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2011 meeting. Approved 4 – 0 – 2 (Sean Decker and Carlos Sanchez abstained due to their absence at the previous commission meeting).

COMMUNICATION:

1. Resolution to the Bonfire for Somerville High School (Oct 13, 2011, at Carol Payer Park) was unanimously approved, 6 – 0 (motion carried out by Mike Zolandz and seconded by Ken Cornell). An insurance certificate will be secured.
2. The "*Thank You*" letter from the SMS Asst Principal, Mr. Robert Reavey, for the scholarship contribution was acknowledged.
3. The note of praise from, resident, Madeline Runco, for the summer staff was acknowledged.
4. The "*Thank You*" letter from Dennis O'Henev for the John Long Scholarship was acknowledged.

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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Jennifer Paternoster, of 111 Eastern Avenue and Danyel Frankel, of 53 Fieldstone Drive joined the meeting to observe and learn what takes place. They discussed their interests in the department and wanted to make themselves available to us as community resources. They offered ideas (i.e. Mommy and Me – “We Cook” – and Arts & Crafts for Kindergarteners) they would like to see as future programs as well.

DIRECTOR & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Finance – YTD and Month ending 9/14/11 were sent to commissioners, via email, prior to this meeting. Documents were discussed.
2. Facilities – Pool pump motor discussion identified the need to source new commercial/industrial pump motors. (Recreation Director) Joe Pidany was asked to secure names of businesses and contact them in order to receive estimates. Also, Joe was asked to secure names and make contact with businesses who open, close and provide pool maintenance throughout the summer months.
3. Programs – Fall / Winter Brochure is out and hard copies should be received by Mon, Sep 19th. Thereafter, they will be distributed throughout the schools.
4. Discussion on Mr. Quinn’s bike rack’s future location determined the commission’s first choice was turned down. Sean Decker informed us that we are waiting to hear back on a decision regarding the commission’s second choice.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Emily Tomasko, of 175 E. Spring St, made her Girl Scout Gold Award presentation/request of concept for a kiask to provide both town information and public displays at a park deemed appropriate by Joe Pidany and the commission. Site suggestions were discussed. A motion to approve the Gold Award concept was made by Tammy Stouchko and seconded by Sean Decker; approved, 6 – 0.
2. Joe Pidany ran down a list of the post-Hurricane Irene damage assessment that both (Program Supervisor) Tim Kassel and he made after visiting each park. It was agreed that the Recreation Dept would assist the Engineering Dept on the insurance claims; as opposed to the Recreation Dept handling them independently. Joe will be in contact with various department and organization heads to gather more cleanup information.

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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:

A motion was made by Chairman Tammy Stouchko, seconded by Bob Axmann to accept the vouchers listed for payment. Approved, 4 – 0 – 2 (Sean Decker and Carlos Sanchez abstained due to their absence at the previous commission meeting).

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Mike Zolandz made a motion to adjourn, Ken Cornell seconded the motion; approved, 6 – 0. The meeting adjourned at 9:03pm. Next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12, 2011, at 8:00pm, in the Recreation Office; located at 25 West End Avenue in Somerville.

Joe Pidany
Director