

Somerville Recreation Committee

Somerville, New Jersey

January 5, 2022

January 5 – Virtual Go To Meeting 781-302-253

Meeting came to order at 7:02pm.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Eric Allena, Robert Fenster, Jason Kraska, Karen Monetti, Chris Peake, Ashley Rau, Tom Scherr, AJ Smith, (Council Liaison) Fred Wied V, and (Recreation Director) Kathy Gerndt.

ABSENT: none

Chairman Jason Kraska 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 7, 2021, a copy of a notice specifying the time, location and date was (1) posted upon the bulletin board outside of Borough Hall, and (2) given to the Clerk Administrator (3) advertises in the Courier News. If any member of this body believes this meeting is being held in violation 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 C. Peake and seconded by T. Scherr to approve the December 1 minutes. Motion was approved 6-0-2 (Allena and Monetti abstained).

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: None

COMMUNICATION: None

RESOLUTIONS:

Reorganization 2022

Appointment of Recreation Committee Members:

Eric Allena	3 year	12/31/24
Ashley Rau	3 year	12/31/24
Vacancy	3 year	12/31/24

Appointment of Council Liaison: Fred Wied V

Resolution 21-1206-333 Approving Alex Cleveland, Daniel Brlan and Devin McKinley as score keepers at a rate of \$15.00 per game for the Recreation Department.

Resolution 21-1206-334 Approving Alyson Gust as an hourly employee at a rate of \$25.00/hour for the Basketball Gym Supervisor.

HANDOUTS:

1. Proposed meeting schedule
2. Member directory
3. Committee structure and subcommittees

REPORTS:

DIRECTOR- K. Gerndt asked for a moment of silence for Cece Brizuela, who was a member of one of our 3rd&4th grade girls basketball team.

Director Gerndt then reported the following items:

1. To honor Cece, all players and coaches will be wearing purple wristbands this season. In addition, a purple heart with her initials was added to her team's uniforms.
2. I'd like to welcome Eric Allena and Fred Wied to our committee, congratulate Ashely Rau on her reappointment, and thank Tammy Stouchko and Luc Sergile for their service.
3. Youth basketball league play begins Friday night. Games are held on Friday evenings and Saturday's through Feb 12 at the Middle School and surrounding towns.
4. The MiniMAX basketball clinic begins Saturday for 6 weeks at VDV for grades 1&2.
5. There is a home wrestling match on Saturday at the high school.
6. All programs are following the latest guidance from the NJDOH for youth sports, dated 9/20/21.
7. Applications were submitted to the SCPC for use of Torpey field for our adult softball leagues, and for the use of Torpey for the Turkey Trot.
8. Our snowman/snow creature contest is ready to go for 2022!

COUNCIL LIAISON – Councilman Wied stated that he's looking forward to working with the Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Programming- Events**
 - **Family Fun Ride**
 - **National Night Out**
 - **Halloween**
 - **Turkey Trot** – Searching for a new route that doesn't involve Torpey.
 - **Seniors/Active Adults**
- **Grants** – T. Scherr reported that several opportunities should be available in the spring. Applications are usually accepted for American Water, AARP, etc.
- **Outreach**- No report.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Elect Chairman and Vice Chairman: J. Kraska nominated Chris Peake for Chairman and Tom Scherr as Vice. AJ Smith seconded the nominations which were voted on separately and approved unanimously.
2. Approve the proposed meeting schedule: A. Rau proposed approving the meeting schedule; J. Kraska seconded the motion which was approved 8-0.
3. Review Committee structure and subcommittees: K. Gerndt asked the Committee to give the handout some thought and consideration to finalize in February.

COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business B. Fenster made a motion to adjourn. J. Kraska seconded the motion, which was approved 8-0. Meeting adjourned 7:23pm. The next meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, February 2 at 7pm.

Kathy Gerndt
Acting as Secretary