

# Somerville Recreation Committee

Somerville, New Jersey

June 1, 2022

June 1 at the BOE Office, Conference Room, 51 West Cliff Street, Somerville, New Jersey.

The meeting came to order at 7:03pm.

## **ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Tori Cesario, Robert Fenster, Jason Kraska, Chris Peake, , Tom Scherr, AJ Smith, and (Recreation Director) Kathy Gerndt.

**ABSENT:** Eric Allena, Karen Monetti, Ashley Rau and (Council Liaison) Fred Wied V

Chairman Chris Peake 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 6, 2022, 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) advertised in the Courier News. 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 J. Kraska and seconded by T. Scherr to approve the June 1 minutes. Motion was approved 4-0-1 (Fenster abstained).

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** None

**COMMUNICATION:** Received letter from SHS Athletic Hall of Fame awarding Somerville Recreation a grant to enhance programs for the youth of Somerville (Billy Garbarini, President).

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution 22-0418-121 Approving Francesca Cartozzoli to be hired as youth soccer coach at \$20 per session from April 23-June 30, 2022 (plus rain dates).

Resolution 22-0516-148 Adopting job description for seasonal lifeguard

Resolution 22-0516-149 Adopting job description for pool supervisor

**HANDOUTS;** None

## **REPORTS:**

**DIRECTOR-** K. Gerndt reported the following:

1. The 31<sup>st</sup> annual Family Fun Ride had 140 participants.
2. Tile work was completed at Carol Pager Park. The playground has reopened.
3. The parking lot at Carol Pager has been paved. Hopefully, it will be striped in the near future.
4. Work is almost complete at the basketball court at Carol Pager courtesy of the Drew McLachlan Memorial Fund. We hope to schedule a dedication/ribbon cutting shortly.
5. Work will be beginning soon on the courts on Mercer Street.
6. The Borough didn't receive any pool management bids so we are currently accepting applications for pool managers and lifeguards. The borough will either reimburse for training or hold classes – details are still being finalized. L/G minimum age is 15. Starting salary is \$16/hr.

7. The borough is opening Walck Pool only this summer. Tentative dates of operation are June 18-Aug 21 from 12-6pm. Subject to change – pending staffing and inspections. Residents only. Registration is open on Community Pass. Residents may also mail in applications. Badges can be picked up at Walck during first visit.
8. John Long spray park opened today. Hours of operation will be 11am-6pm. Additional repairs are needed at Michael Lepp – there is an electrical issue with the well.
9. The Somerville Recreation Running Club is holding weekly runs on Wed at 6pm, and Sat at 8am now due to the heat. Meeting spot is Firehouse Field parking lot. All abilities are welcome. Please use STRAVA to connect to members. Thanks to resident, Melissa Landis for her assistance with this. The group had a good showing at the Legal Runaround and they're planning to participate in the GOTR on June 12<sup>th</sup>.
10. National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>.
11. Issued permits for two upcoming events –
  - a. Jack's Kids Softball Tournament on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Use of Carol Pager fields from 7am-4pm. Permit holder is Somerville Elks (Hank Werner)
  - b. Just Another Day Kickball Tournament on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Use of Carol Pager fields #1 & #2 from 11am-5pm. Permit holder is Just Another Day Inc. (Marques Jackson)
12. \$3k was transferred to the Environmental Commission/Green Seam for the Community Garden.

**COUNCIL LIAISON** – Councilman Wied – absent/no report

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Programming- Events**
  - Family Fun Ride- discussed changes for '23.
  - National Night Out – AJ Smith will contact vendor to secure Dunk Tank and another attraction.
  - Halloween – T. Cesario will contact DSA about a date since Halloween falls on a Monday.
  - Turkey Trot – J. Kraska is revising sponsorship letter for mailing in mid-July. Open registration by August 1
  - Seniors/Active Adults – no report. YMCA is offering a community event for seniors – three part series.
- **Grants** – J. Kraska said the County virtual presentation was pushed to July. Our AARP application was denied; extremely competitive.
- **Outreach**- C. Peake suggested sending a survey to FFR participants.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. J. Kraska shared a conceptual design of the Community Garden sign. B. Fenster made a motion that was seconded by J. Kraska to spend up to \$300 (Trust account) on a 24x18 inch sign to hang on the fencing. Motion passed 6-0.
2. Tables and benches were discussed for the Drew McLachlan Memorial basketball court. C. Peake made a motion to spend up to \$6000 (Trust account) on two benches and two tables, one of which will be ADA. B. Fenster seconded the motion which passed 5-0-1 (Kraska abstained).

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS:**

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by B. Fenster, seconded by C. Peake, and approved 6-0. Meeting adjourned 8:02pm. The next meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, August 3 at 7pm.

Kathy Gerndt  
Acting as Secretary