

# **Somerville Recreation Committee**

Somerville, New Jersey

April 5, 2023

April 5, 2023 at the Somerville BOE Conference Room, 51 West Cliff Street, Somerville, New Jersey.

Meeting came to order at 6:06pm.

## **ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Tom Scherr, Tori Cesario, Chris Peake, Tom Scherr, AJ Smith, and (Recreation Director) Kathy Gerndt

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

Chairman Tom Scherr 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 4, 2023, 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:** Tabled until June meeting.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** None

**COMMUNICATION:** None

## **RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:**

Resolution 23-0206-068 Awarding a contract to D 'Avellino Construction for Michael Lepp Park Pool improvements for a total bid amount (base bid and alternates) in the amount of \$347,878.00.

Resolution 23-0306-101 Amending resolution 22-1219-374 authorizing purchase of a steel gable shelter for community park through ESCNJ CO-OP 20/21-06 in the amount of \$30,695.00.

Resolution 23-0320-118 Approving event permit for Somerville Rescue Squad to use Henry P. Vander Veer Memorial Park – Veterans Memorial Drive for Community Event on April 8, 2023, from 10am – 12pm.

Resolution 23-0403-128 Awarding a contract to American Pool New Jersey for pool management operations.

## **HANDOUTS:**

1. Youth Tennis Lessons
2. Adult Pickleball Lessons
3. Battle of the Paddles – pickleball tournament
4. Open Wrestling Practices

## **REPORTS:**

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

1. Spring sports began this week. We entered twelve teams in the Bridgewater Soccer League. Adult softball is underway at Torpey on Tue, Wed, and Thu nights. Open wrestling practices begin tomorrow night at SHS. Saturday soccer clinics are currently sold out. Youth tennis and adult pickleball begin next week.
2. SBI Opening Day is April 15.
3. First soccer games are April 22.

4. I had a very successful recruiting season --- 26 soccer coaches volunteered.
5. Work is ongoing at Lepp Pool.
6. The Borough is looking into upgrading the lights at the Lepp basketball courts, and Memorial Park tennis/pickleball courts.
7. Hope to be going out to bid soon to upgrade the basketball court at Lepp to a standard size.
8. I believe swings will be added to the playground at 40 Haynes St.
9. Hosting our inaugural pickleball championship, Battle of the Paddles, on Saturday, June 3 (rain date June 10). Starting time is 9am --- expected to take 8 hours to complete.
10. QAlert has been phased out.
11. AOD mural project will be done on the sidewalks at the intersection of N. Bridge/William/Green Streets on Saturday, May 13. Volunteers are needed.
12. Will be posting a job opening for a seasonal Recreational programming assistant.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Programming/Events** – AJ Smith discussed plans for the Family Fun Ride
- **Grants** – no report
- **Outreach**- no report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Finalize subcommittees and objectives. (Tabled until June due to attendance)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Select committee member to fill vacancy. Committee members voted to move in and out of the Executive Session unanimously. Mallory Burgan was chosen to fill the remaining term until 12/31/25.
2. Use of pickleball courts. The committee discussed the current open play policy and determined no changes were needed, nor are changes needed to the permit fee structure.
3. Authorize spending Trust money to purchase windscreen. C. Peake made a motion to approve spending up to \$1500 for a windscreen at the pickleball courts. AJ Smith seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

**COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business C. Peake made a motion to adjourn. T. Cesario seconded the motion, which was approved 4-0. Meeting adjourned 6:49pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 7 at 6pm.

Kathy Gerndt  
Acting as Secretary