

RAMSEY POOL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2022

The February meeting of the Pool Commission was called to order on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 8:00 p.m., by Mr. Bach, Pool Manager. Also present were Ms. DeLorenzo, Mrs. Hewitt, Mrs. Hoffman, Mr. Jachts, Mr. Jost, Mrs. Meyer, Commission members, Council Liaison Gutwetter, and Mrs. Dey, Secretary. Mrs. Suarez was absent.

In accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey, public notice of the meeting was published in The Record and The Ridgewood News and posted in the Municipal Building.

MINUTES

Upon motion by Mrs. Hoffman, seconded by Mrs. Hewitt, the minutes of the January 19, 2022 meeting were approved as received.

PUBLIC COMMENT-None

REPORT OF THE POOL MANAGER (AGENDA ITEMS)

Following the January meeting, Mr. Bach met with Denise Bartalotta, the borough's CFO, and Borough Administrator Vozech regarding the 2022 pool budget. Mr. Bach summarized information from the resulting ten-page budget packet. After discussion, the four resolutions were unanimously approved. Upon motion by Mr. Jost, seconded by Mrs. Hewitt, the 2022 municipal pool budget as outlined with a total amount of \$740,000 was unanimously approved. Upon motion by Mrs. Hewitt, seconded by Ms. DeLorenzo, the 2022 hourly-rate structure as outlined, complying with New Jersey minimum wage laws for seasonal employees, was unanimously approved. Upon motion by Mr. Jachts, seconded by Mrs. Meyer, the 2022 emergency service membership policy, recommendation to remain unchanged at no charge for volunteer member and/or spouse and \$75 per child (early bird prior to May 1st) and \$100 per child after May 1st; was approved with two abstentions. Upon motion by Mrs. Hewitt, seconded by Mrs. Hoffman, the 2022 fee structure as developed at the January meeting was unanimously approved. Due to increased costs for the 2022 season, some membership fee increases were necessary. The regular rates for the 2022 season are \$475 for two family members, plus \$100 for each additional child (Family Plan), \$75 per senior citizen (Senior Plan), \$325 per individual (Individual Plan), and \$175 for swim team only membership, at any time. Out-of-town memberships will begin at \$800 for the first member plus \$150 for each additional member. The early bird rates include the family rate of \$450, plus \$75 per child. The senior rate will be \$70, and the individual rate will be \$300. Out-of-towners will pay \$800 for the first member and \$125 per additional members. The adult ten-pack guest passes will cost \$150 and the child/senior ten-pack guest passes will be \$100, with reduced pre-season costs of \$140 and \$90. The guest passes will be seasonal. The daily guest fees will remain at \$20 (adult), \$15 (child), and \$10 (senior). Members of the swim team will be charged \$125. A swim team member must be a member of the pool. Swim lessons will cost \$50 per weekly session. Early bird will run from March 1st to April 30th. The regular fee structure will begin on Sunday, May 1st.

Mr. Bach shared pertinent dates for the upcoming season. Opening Day is Saturday, May 28th. If school is closed on Tuesday, May 31st, the pool will be open. A new resident function will be held at the pool on Tuesday, June 14th. The pool will open full-time on Saturday, June 25th. July 4th is a Monday.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS-None

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL LIAISON

Councilman Gutwetter shared information about a horseshoe pit, an Eagle Scout project, which will be installed next to the bocce court. The area will be landscaped.

He expects that the Ramsey Journal will begin publication again.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities

There will be five Fab Fridays in July. Three bands have already been booked. The status of DJ Jazzy for the 2022 season is uncertain. The luau was scheduled for Friday, August 19th, with a raindate of Saturday, August 20th. Eleven private parties have already been booked in June and two more are possible.

Last year's cornhole competition will be repeated in 2022.

Mr. Jost asked about an Octoberfest in late September as a fundraiser.

By-Laws-None

Facilities

Last year the exterior block was sealed. This year the interior black will be sealed.

Slide repairs to the steps and railings are needed.

Swim Team

Practices will begin on Monday, June 6th, and will be scheduled in the afternoon as long as school is in session, switching to mornings once school ends. The league schedule has not yet been established.

OLD BUSINESS

Should anyone ask about the rate increases, minimum wage continues to go up as does the cost for chemicals and other pool charges.

Pool camp will be discussed at the March meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The pool's job application has been posted on the website. Lifeguards are needed. A course for lifeguards will be offered at the pool.

Mr. Bach and Mr. Jachts had discussed what to do with the fence in the back by the soccer field. It was suggested that the playground be made accessible during soccer. The cost for any fence improvements will be shared by the pool and the Recreation Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Jost, seconded by Mr. Jachts, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

The next meeting of the Pool Commission will be held at borough hall on Wednesday, March 16th, at 8 p.m.

