RAMSEY POOL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Pool Commission was called to order on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 8:05 p.m. by Mrs. Hewitt. Also present were Mrs. Hoffman, Mr. Jost, Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Suarez, Commission members, Borough Administrator Vozeh for Council Liaison Jones, Mr. Bach, Pool Manager, and Mrs. Dey, Secretary. Mrs. Maurer 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 Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mrs. Suarez, the minutes of the June 3, 2020 special meeting were approved as received.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

REPORT OF THE POOL MANAGER (AGENDA ITEMS)

Governor Murphy has announced that pools can open on Monday, June 22nd. Ramsey has announced an opening day of Monday, June 29th, which may be changed to an earlier date. The pre-season work is going well. Mr. Bach noted that many pools are not opening, including Glen Rock (laps in the morning only), Stony Brook, Washington Township, and Woodcliff Lake (Old Mill). Ramsey is opening because it was pro-active and is currently preparing for all contingencies.

Mr. Bach distributed a handout, “How the NJDOH Summer Guidelines Effect the Ramsey Municipal Pool Daily Operations,” with details on capacity limits and social distancing, face coverings, cleaning, disinfecting, and hygiene, and other important guidelines. CommunityPass has a current balance of $120,000 (675 family memberships, 115 seniors, and 120 out-of-town memberships). Pre-season registration opportunities will be offered at the pool. Guest passes will be available but there will be no guests on the Fourth of July. The current plan is for two time shifts each day, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 3 to 7 p.m. The pool will be cleaned and sanitized from 2 to 3 p.m. There will be no group swim lessons. Private lessons may be available. No decision has been made about opening the pool playground.

The customary pre-season lifeguard training course begins on Thursday, June 18th. The drills will begin later in the week. There are five stations and the lifeguards must pass all five.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER COMMENT - None
REPORT OF THE COUNCIL LIAISON

Borough Administrator Vozeh noted that a close eye should be kept on the finances this season. There was a discussion about a ten-pass membership which the pool used to offer. It was replaced by the swim team membership but may be re-visited. A pro-rated membership beginning in August may also be considered.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities

The Fire Department is looking into a possible Oktoberfest at the pool in September or October.

If the coronavirus situation changes, there may be some activities in late July/August.

Swim Team

To date, forty swimmers are registered; two one-hour practices will be held in the morning, 8 to 9 a.m. and 9 to 10 a.m. Team members must be at least seven years of age. There will only be in-house swim meets.

By-Laws-None

Facilities-None

OLD BUSINESS-None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bach is hoping to open the pool on Saturday, June 27th.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Jost, seconded by Mrs. Hoffman, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

The next meeting of the Pool Commission will be held on Wednesday, July 15th, at 8:00 p.m., at the pool.