The monthly meeting of the Pool Commission was called to order on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. by Mrs. Hewitt. Also present were Mr. Jost, Mrs. Maurer, Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Suarez, Commission members, Council Liaison Jones, Mr. Bach, Pool Manager, and Mrs. Dey, Secretary. Mrs. Hoffman 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. Hewitt, seconded by Mr. Jost, the minutes of the June 17, 2020 meeting were approved as received.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Martin Vesey, 5 Park Place, was present.

REPORT OF THE POOL MANAGER (AGENDA ITEMS)

Things are going well. The extensive pre-season preparation and continued transparency have helped. Any issues are dealt with within twenty-four hours.

Mr. Bach noted that he is open to beginning dual visits during the week only. Attendance has not come close to five hundred per session yet. The pool will still be cleared at 2 p.m. for cleaning. People will not be able to leave their chairs and belongings set up when they leave but they can put their chairs and other items along the fence.

The numbers for 2019 and 2020 were shared. Currently, family memberships total 1,444 in comparison to 2,414 in 2019, out-of-town memberships-236 (2020)/443 (2019), senior memberships-287/385, individual memberships-44/46, and swim team members-110/136. The total revenue for 2020 is currently $285,000 compared to $525,000+ in 2019. No major projects will be undertaken this year; spending is down. The revenue needs to be over $300,000 to be safe.

An August membership structure will be developed. Mr. Bach is looking at a discount of approximately one-third.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mrs. Hewitt read positive e-mails which have been received by Mrs. Hoffman. The pool staff was commended for going above and beyond. Hooks for towels in the bathrooms were suggested as was a request to open the slides earlier. Mrs. Suarez noted that some of the locks in the bathrooms are not working well.
REPORT OF THE COUNCIL LIAISON

Councilman Jones noted that a close eye is being kept on the finances throughout the borough as well as the pool. The fact that Ramsey was able to open its pool this season when so many surrounding towns did not is a very positive fact.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities

Mr. Bach is looking into a Fab Friday on either August 7th or August 14th. Several bands have contacted him about playing at the pool.

Swim Team

The second swim meet for the season took place during the meeting. As one of the spectators was leaving, she stopped to compliment everyone on the way the pool was being run this season. No swim blocks are being used this season; the swimmers are diving off the side of the pool. Members of the swim team are treading water as they listen to instructions from the coaches. There are two practice times, 8 to 9 a.m. and 9 to 10 a.m.

By-Laws-None

Facilities-None

OLD BUSINESS-None

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Hewitt is looking in pavers as a fundraiser.

Mr. Bach shared information about a memorial plaque for Joe Collins to be presented on Opening Day 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The next meeting of the Pool Commission will be held on Wednesday, August 19th, at 8:00 p.m., at the pool.