

RAMSEY POOL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the January meeting was held via Zoom. The January meeting of the Pool Commission was called to order on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 8:02 p.m. by Mr. Bach, Pool Manager. Also present were Ms. DeLorenzo, Mrs. Hoffman, Mr. Jost, Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Suarez, Commission members, Council Liaison Jones, and Mrs. Dey, Secretary. Mrs. Hewitt was absent due to a death in her family.

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.

The election of officers was held, with the following results: Mrs. Hoffman nominated Mrs. Hewitt as chairman, seconded by Ms. DeLorenzo. There were no further nominations. Motion carried. Ms. DeLorenzo nominated Mr. Jost as vice-chairman, seconded by Mrs. Suarez. There were no further nominations. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Upon motion by Mrs. Suarez, seconded by Mrs. Hoffman, the minutes of the September 16, 2020 meeting were approved as received. The October, November, and December meetings were cancelled.

PUBLIC COMMENT-None

REPORT OF THE POOL MANAGER (AGENDA ITEMS)

As usual, the financial plans for the summer season will be discussed at the February meeting. Mr. Jost commented upon the successful 2020 season despite all of the coronavirus issues.

Mr. Bach shared a photo of a possible new pool sign.

He reported that he had an inquiry from Jennifer Iorio of the Junior Woman's Club regarding rental of the pavilion for a fundraising event. Guidelines would be needed for such rentals including allowing BYOB. He noted that the pavilion has been used by various scout groups and the breezeway has been used by the seniors for table tennis and knitting. If allowed, the Juniors would need to provide a firm date and a fee would need to be established by the Pool Commission such as \$100 per hour for rental of the pool grounds and the bathrooms. Mr. Bach noted that the pool grounds including the field might be rented by fitness or sports groups as an additional way to provide extra revenue. A maintenance cost would need to be factored in when determining rental costs. Coach Nicky DeCaro has reached out about the Barracudas using the pool as early as April. The rate they are charged is higher when the pool is closed. A related idea is to provide time for early morning lap swimmers if agreeable to Coach DeCaro. The usual pre-season work that is done at the pool could be done a month earlier and the pool could be opened earlier for the 2021 season. There could be a soft opening a couple of weekends in May prior to Memorial Day weekend. Having the pool opened longer

would result in an additional expense for chemicals. Staff would need to be present. Councilman Jones agreed that Mr. Bach provided several excellent revenue-producing ideas to extend the utilization of the pool beyond the usual pool season, but the financial aspects must be carefully considered, making sure that the revenue offsets the costs. Councilman Jones further suggested that pool members be encouraged to sign up early.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS-None

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL LIAISON

Councilman Jones welcomed back the Commissioners. He's optimistic about the 2021 season and noted that the safety protocols from the 2020 season should work well for 2021.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities-None

Swim Team-None

By-Laws

Upon motion by Mrs. Suarez, seconded by Mr. Jost, the by-laws were unanimously approved as received.

Facilities-None

OLD BUSINESS-None

NEW BUSINESS-None

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Jost, seconded by Ms. DeLorenzo, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

The next meeting of the Pool Commission will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, February 17th, at 8:00 p.m.

