

RAMSEY POOL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Pool Commission was called to order on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. by Chairman Haskell. Also present were Mrs. Hewitt, 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.

Councilman Jones swore in Mr. Jost.

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. Hewitt, seconded by Mrs. Suarez, the minutes of the January 15, 2020 meeting were approved as received.

PUBLIC COMMENT-None

REPORT OF THE POOL MANAGER (AGENDA ITEMS)

Mr. Bach met with Denise Bartalotta, the borough's CFO, and Borough Administrator Vozech regarding the 2020 pool budget. He distributed an eight-page packet which included an overview of the budget. The capital improvement line which funded the new playground in 2019 has been reduced to \$5,000 for 2020. After discussion about salary recommendations and membership rates, the following resolutions were approved. Upon motion by Mrs. Hewitt, seconded by Mr. Jost, the 2020 municipal pool budget as outlined and totaling \$585,500 was unanimously approved. Upon motion by Mr. Haskell, seconded by Mrs. Maurer, 2020 salary increases of 1.95% for the following non-hourly employees (Nicole Cicalo-Decaro, Karen Dey, Paul Albarella, Gary Bach, Shaun Bach) were unanimously approved. Mr. Haskell shared and explained the research behind his handout about the minimum wage increase and approximate increase to pool salary budget through 2027. Upon motion by Mrs. Hewitt, seconded by Mr. Haskell, the 2020 hourly-rate structure as outlined, complying with New Jersey minimum wage laws for season employees, was unanimously approved. Upon motion by Mr. Haskell, seconded by Mrs. Suarez, the 2020 emergency service membership policy, recommendations to remain unchanged at no charge for volunteer member and/or spouse and \$45 per child (early bird prior to May 1st) and \$50 per child after May 1st, was approved with one abstention (Hewitt). The 2020 letter has been updated and is ready to be sent out by Mr. Vozech. Upon motion by Mr. Jost, seconded by Mrs. Meyer, the 2020 rate structure as outlined was unanimously approved. It was noted that the out-of-town rates cannot be more than double the rates for Ramsey residents; any necessary refunds will be handled by Mr. Bach and Mrs. Dey.

Mr. Bach distributed the 2020 calendar. If there are no more snow days, the pool could open full-time on Tuesday, June 23rd. There will be five Fab Fridays and three bands are already booked.

Currently there are three people interested in the snack stand, Pete LaBarbiera (Pete and Mary's), Mike Sims (Badland Tacos), and Chef Luca. They may be asked to come to the next Pool Commission meeting.

The job application is available on the website.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS-None

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL LIAISON

The final phase of the pool project is on or ahead of schedule. It is expected that the work will be complete before the start of the 2020 season. There still is a small punch list from the first phase of the project. Rules and regulations will be developed for the utilization of the community center. The bocce court is being moved closer to the street.

The alert about the spring journal will be going out soon.

The 2020 municipal budget will be adopted in March.

There will be a hearing on Monday, February 24th regarding the arsenic treatment system replacement facilities.

Councilman Jones will look into finalizing the resolution regarding the grandfathered members.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities-None

Swim Team-None

By-Laws-None

Facilities

Mr. Bach shared a drawing of the proposed entry gates. Since there is no money for the entry available for this season, the project will be postponed until the 2021 season.

He is looking into adding two more large umbrellas in locations where there are no trees. It was also suggested that some more picnic tables be added to the grounds. Prices will be researched.

OLD BUSINESS-None

NEW BUSINESS-None

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Jost, seconded by Mr. Haskell, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Pool Commission will be held via videoconferencing on Wednesday, April 15th, at 8:00 p.m.

