

**RAMSEY POOL COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2019**

The monthly meeting of the Pool Commission was called to order on Wednesday, February 20, 2019, at 8:00 p.m. by Chairman Haskell. Also present were Mrs. Hewitt, Mrs. Hoffman, Mr. Jost, Commission members, Council Liaison Jones, Mr. Bach, Pool Manager, and Mrs. Dey, Secretary. Mrs. Maurer and Mrs. Suarez were 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.

Mrs. Dey read the Open Public Meetings Law.

**MINUTES**

Upon motion by Mr. Jost, seconded by Mrs. Hewitt, the minutes of the January 16, 2019 meeting were approved as received.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**-None

**REPORT OF THE POOL MANAGER (AGENDA ITEMS)**

Mr. Bach distributed the 2019 Ramsey Pool budget draft, as of February 20<sup>th</sup>. It includes capital project funding of \$125,000 for the playground and \$130,000 for the pavilion.

Mr. Bach shared information about the minimum wage. The Ramsey pool falls into the "Small Employers and Seasonal Workers" category, those working from May 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>. The minimum wage for the staff (lifeguards, office, grounds) for the 2019 season is \$8.85 per hour; the minimum wage for the 2020 season will be \$10.30. Upon motion by Mr. Haskell, seconded by Mrs. Hewitt, the 2019 hourly staff salaries were unanimously approved as presented.

The next discussion centered on the membership fees for 2019. Due to the increased costs for the 2019 season, some membership fee increases are necessary. Mr. Bach distributed information which included membership rates from surrounding pools (Crestwood, Glen Rock, Mahwah, Paramus, Stonybrook) for comparison. The regular rates for the 2019 season are \$400 for two family members, plus \$50 for each additional child (Family Plan), \$60 per senior citizen (Senior Plan), \$275 per individual (Individual Plan), and \$150 for swim team only membership, at any time. Out-of-town memberships will begin at \$700 for the first member plus \$100 for each additional member, the same as in 2018. The adult ten-pack guest passes would cost \$150 and the child/senior ten-pack guest passes would be \$100. The guest passes will be seasonal. The daily guest fees would remain at \$20 (adult), \$15 (child), and \$10 (senior). Members of the swim team would be charged \$100. A swim team member must be a member of the pool. Swim lessons would cost \$100 per two-week session. The fee for mini-camp will be \$50 per day/\$200 per week. The Early Bird rates for 2019 were also established. The family rate will be \$375, plus \$45 per child. The senior rate will be \$50, and the individual rate

will be \$250. Out-of-towners will pay \$650 for the first member and \$100 per additional members. Upon motion by Mr. Jost, seconded by Mr. Haskell, the pool rates for 2019 were unanimously approved as presented.

**REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**-None

**REPORT OF THE COUNCIL LIAISON**

Councilman Jones reported that the construction at the pool appears to be on schedule.

Attorneys have been consulted and the grant for the pavilion will be accepted. If there are any questions regarding this grant, Borough Administrator Vozech should be contacted.

The final component for the senior/community center project, namely the senior center, the parking, and the drainage, will be submitted to the DEP. The construction should start in September, after the 2019 season ends.

Mr. Bach asked about the demolition of the old refreshment stand. There are some items from the stand which could still be utilized.

**SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Activities**-None

**Swim Team**-None

**By-Laws**-None

**Facilities**

Mr. Bach shared the results from the playground survey. There were 282 responses. He noted that two of the large umbrellas have been removed from the site; he asked if those umbrellas will be going back in. He divided the survey results into three categories, those of highest importance, moderate importance, and not as important. He will forward the responses to Scott Fenton, along with the dimensions of the proposed playground area. He will ask Mr. Fenton to come up with a couple of different designs for the area. Councilman Jones suggested that a climbing wall be used as a means to separate the two playground areas, keeping the younger and older children in different areas. The existing playground needs to be taken down, perhaps by the DPW. It will be determined if any of the equipment is salvageable. It was suggested that a survey regarding the refreshment stand also be developed and circulated to the membership.

**OLD BUSINESS**-None

**NEW BUSINESS**-None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Mr. Jost, seconded by Mrs. Hewitt, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

***The next meeting of the Pool Commission is scheduled for  
Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 p.m., at borough hall.***