

RAMSEY POOL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2020

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the May meeting was held via Zoom. The monthly meeting of the Pool Commission was called to order on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 8:08 p.m. Present were Mrs. Hewitt, Mrs. Hoffman, Mr. Jost, Mrs. Maurer, Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Suarez, Commission members, Council Liaison Jones, Mr. Bach, Pool Manager, and Mrs. Dey, Secretary. Earlier in the day, Mr. Jost was sworn in as a regular member of the Pool Commission. There is now one vacancy for an alternate.

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, posted in the Municipal Building, and posted on the borough website.

MINUTES

Upon motion by Mrs. Hewitt, seconded by Mrs. Hoffman, the minutes of the April 15, 2020 meeting were approved as received.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Martin Vesey, 5 Park Place, was also in attendance.

REPORT OF THE POOL MANAGER (AGENDA ITEMS)

Upon motion by Mrs. Hewitt, seconded by Mrs. Maurer, Mr. Jost was unanimously elected as Vice-Chairman of the Pool Commission.

The status of the 2020 pool season is currently uncertain until Governor Murphy issues the pertinent executive order. CapturePoint has been shut down so that no one can register for the pool. The last week of June/July 1st seems realistic for pool opening. Mr. Bach indicated that it would take up to three weeks to get things going for the pool season. He noted that there are a lot of costs associated with opening up a pool. The staff will need to be trained regarding the new protocols stemming from COVID-19 in addition to the usual pre-season training and drills. The waiver which was developed in conjunction with Borough Attorney Scandariato is already on the CapturePoint site. The policy changes will also be put on CapturePoint. A work waiver for the staff has also been developed.

The Commissioners had been asked to speak with potential pool members and friends and neighbors for feedback regarding some of the changes for 2020. The time slots were discussed. Three time slots might not work on the weekends; two longer slots might be a better alternative. Inside the fence, the pool area is 54,000 square feet, which does not include the soccer field. A reservation system was also discussed, and reservation software will be researched. If someone misses their reserved time, perhaps they cannot reserve for a certain amount of time, such as two days. Face masks were discussed, including cloth versus disposable, optional/mandatory. Whatever is required via executive order will be required at the pool. Cancelling group lessons but having private lessons was also an issue for discussion. Mr. Bach noted that the Mommy & Me

swim lessons have not been very popular in prior years. Time will be allotted for adult lap swimmers. Whether or not the grounds will be marked to assist with social distancing is another issue to be determined. Mr. Bach has ordered two thermometers in case the temperatures of pool patrons must be taken. It is expected that the Governor's office will issue very solid information; his guidelines are the ones which will be enforced.

Work on the pool grounds is moving along. The sprinklers are in and the landscaping is looking good. The senior center project is slightly behind schedule; the electrician contracted COVID-19 and no work was done for a while. It is expected that most work will be completed in the next week or so.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS-None

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL LIAISON

There will be no Memorial Day parade and no Fourth of July celebration. Currently the borough is not spending any unnecessary money. It is expected that the pool rates will remain as established since the minimum wage has gone up and there will be increased cleaning and sanitizing which are costly. The object is to keep the pool clean and safe.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities-None

Swim Team-None

By-Laws-None

Facilities-None

OLD BUSINESS-None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bach would like to have a special meeting at the pool on Wednesday, June 3rd, at 8 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mrs. Hewitt, seconded by Mr. Jost, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

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Wednesday, June 3rd, at 8:00 p.m.***

