

June 15, 2022

Mr. Kranz opened the meeting at 7:02 PM with the reading of the Open Public Meeting Law.
Present: Mr. Kranz, Mr. Rudawski, Ms. Benson, Mrs. Kleiber, Mrs. Dinger, and Mr. Grimm
Absent: Mr. Klein, and Mr. Poandl

Mr. Kranz made a motion to accept the May 18, 2022, minutes. It was seconded by Mrs. Dinger and carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Mr. Kranz, Ms. Benson, Mrs. Kleiber, Mrs. Dinger, and Mr. Rudawski. Nos: None. Abstained: None.

Finances:

Mr. Grimm said that NJ Swim and Dive was owed money from last summer's swim team. Mr. Grimm got caught up with paying for Championships and Conferences fees.

Mr. Grimm said that Alpine National is the New Chlorine supplier for the time being.

Mr. Kranz said that we count and keep track of the members. We don't issue refund until membership is full.

Mr. Grimm said that Image is the screen-printing company for the clothing from last year. He said that they never sent a bill to him. He was never able to create a purchase order to pay.

Ms. Benson approved April and May Financials. It was seconded by Mr. Rudawski and carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Mr. Rudawski, Ms. Benson, Mr. Kranz, Mrs. Dinger, and Mrs. Kleiber. No's: None. Abstained: None.

Ms. Benson had done some research on the bond money that was left over. She had met with Caroline Benson, Acting Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer and discussed Ordinance #1852.14 to clarify information with respect to the Swim Pool (Lap) Bond.

Subject matter: Capital Bond, Ordinance #1852-14
Ordinance Amount: \$1,300,000.00
Ordinance Balance: \$51,660.79

*The Ordinance Balance can be used by the pool for example to repair roof, refurbish bathrooms etc. Commission decision and following normal protocols, i.e., Purchase orders etc.

Note: The down payment needed for Bond was \$62,381.00
The Bond, on which we pay annually \$1,237,619.00
Total: \$1,300,000.00

The Acting Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer has recommended following steps be taken by The Pool Commission.

1. Deliver memo (email, hand carry etc.) to her showing that the Pool Commission considers the work complete and to close out Ordinance #1852-14. The Acting Chief Financial

Officer/Treasurer, upon receipt of Memo to close out Ordinance #1852-14 will prepare resolution for Council. Once approved by Council she will open a "Swim Pool Capital Account."

Mr. Grimms said if we were to do any work on the pool that is over \$22,000.00 that it would have to go out to public bid.

Mrs. Dinger had taken the time and broken down the financials for the pool. She has created an income and expenditure report.

The \$120,000.00 is the money that was given by the state to help offset from Covid back in 2020.

Old Business:

Mrs. Young was asked to send out an email to the pool patrons about the Logo Contest.

Mr. Kranz said he has been trying to get a hold of Card Point and he said no one was picking up the phone. He said that the website was under construction, so it has been hard trying to get a credit card machine.

Mr. Rudawski said that the lines are all run to the snack bar, and we just need to set up the credit card machine.

Ms. Benson had met with the Tax Collector and DPW Superintendent, with respect to clarifying the following enumerated items:

1. Establish ownership of property on which the batting cage and formerly used tennis court light poles presently exist.
2. Attached is deed of property and tax record showing ownership of property which includes the batting cages and formerly used tennis court light poles, by Borough or Middlesex.
3. DPW Superintendent has shown that upon his return from his vacation he will plan with Pool Commission to attend to the following.
 - a. Removal of formerly used tennis court light poles
 - b. Removal and relocation of batting cage from its current position.

This will allow the pool to use then vacated space for its use and put up required fencing.

Ms. Benson also asked Carmen Modica the Deputy Registrar has advised that the Borough files do not have a copy of the contract for the Swim Lap Pool.

Mr. Kranz said that last year's membership numbers were from March until June total money \$297,000.00 with 827 memberships. This year today is \$270,000.00 with 770 memberships. March we were up 10% from last year, in May we were up 20%, and in June so far this year we are up by 6%.

New Business:

Drake Barry is a local artist who has interest in painting a mural for the pool on the lap pool pump house. He said he is open to suggestions on what the mural should look like.

Mr. Kranz said that if anyone has any ideas for the mural, to send them to him and he will send them to Drake.

Mrs. Dinger asked how long would it take to paint the mural?

Drake said that he would be discounting the project for the pool. He would have to work other jobs in between working on the mural at the pool. He will not be here at the pool working 40 hours a week. He said he will come after he is done at other jobs to work on the mural.

Mr. Grimm said that Project Graduation has just reached out to him about the Middlesex High School Senior pool party. They have asked to use the pool on June 22nd from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Mr. Grimm said that he has the Lifeguards Matt Rudawski and Sarah Grimm who will be guarding the pool for the event. Project Graduation pays the Lifeguards.

Mr. Grimm said that the Rescue Squad will be coming on Thursday at 7:00 pm to do some in service training.

Mr. Grimm said that children under the age of 10 years old cannot come to the pool by themselves. A 14-year-old can bring in a 10-year-old.

Mr. Klein was unable to attend the meeting. He had sent an email with a few things that he wanted to address at the meeting.

1. The mural: The latest design is nice. I thought we were thinking of brightening up the wall along the pathway, not the one facing the parking lot. Do we have the funds?
2. Rules: #15. "Expose or offer or sale any articles or things, or advertise in any matter, any articles or services, except when permitted by the pool manger. Permit children under the age of ten years, or between the ages of 10 and 14, if they have not passed the prescribed swimming proficiency test, to enter the pool area unaccompanied by a member over the age of 14."

This rule seems to address two different things- sales and who is allowed in the pool. If I am reading the second part correctly, a 14-year-old can bring in a 10-year-old as long as they both have passed the swim test. I talked to a couple of the lifeguards, and they already notice problems with young ones with no parents at the pool. We need to be careful that we do not become a day care center for working parents.

3. Hours of operation: I did mention to Mark that the notice that we are not open because the school needs the parking lot is not the reason we are not open during the week. Our staff is comprised of teacher and students. That also becomes an issue at the end of the season when schools open before Labor Day when we need to open later.

4. Financial concern: We know of things that the pool needs; the snack bar roof needs to be redone, the slide needs maintenance, the chlorine tank was repaired but it still will need to be replaced? There is no record of what we have spent on publicity because all the bills haven't cleared yet. Why don't we have a budget or some way of setting aside funds for specific items?

These are just a few items that I didn't want to wait until July to bring up. I know there can be no immediate answers, just somethings to think about.

Don Klein

Publicity:

Our goal should always be to have our members and the community think of the property not just as "the pool." Publicity, like safety, is always a moving target. We should always be looking for new opportunities to expose the Pool.

Open House Summary – Saturday, May 21st (Saturday prior to Opening Day)

47 people visited the pool with many of them registering on the spot

A common interest was a Military discount – discussion

Google is still bringing people to the dead-end streets by the pool

Family from North Plainfield visited the pool.

Yoga Classes to start June 27th. Link for Google form to register added to the website. Rockstar will do several demo classes before regular sessions start.

Pool Logo Contest: Opened to the public. Emailed to Middlesex Public Schools principals. Shared on surrounding town Facebook pages.

Touch a Truck "Touch a Truck" is a momentous event to have a table for the pool because it's right at the beginning of Summer. There was a lot of interest among those who didn't know about the pool. Especially because they could go see it in action after leaving the event. I gave out approx. six paper applications. Swim lessons got the most inquiries; even one dad wants to learn. I gave out most of the mini-flyers I started out with.

Cute story of the day: One young family was given a membership for Christmas by their parents! They put a picture of the pool in a Christmas card then signed them up when registration opened.

Mark, In E-soft, you should add "Touch a Truck" to the list of "how did you hear about the pool."

Pool Website:

FAQ section updated with Pool Staff information and "Do not discard membership cards at the end of the year" blurb added to the Registration section. Just about the entire content of the "Brochure" is now live on our website.

PCTV: Slides created for Yoga and Aqua Zumba registration

Our Town Press June 2022 Article I am currently reviewing the proof.

Plan Special Events

Movie night

Adult night

Bingo night

Corn hole

Rules and Regulations: Could we get a permanent sign made, a blown-up image of what's currently posted on a tattered 8.5x11 piece of paper?

Comment on Facebook: "Loved the sno-cone addition to the snack bar!"

Google listing: Pool Hours changed to “closed” Monday through Friday. Will change it back next week once we are open daily.

Mural – Have the waterslide and frog slide somewhere on there?

Library Display Case: Booked for December. Discuss at upcoming meetings a theme for a Winter display to keep interest up.

Dress the duck for Winter

Have one side based on Winter, the other Summer

Mrs. Kleiber asked if the Seniors at Watchung Terrace could come use the pool the end of July.

Mr. Grimm said that he has lessons going on in the morning. There is no space at that time for the Seniors to come over and use the pool. They can however joint he pool.

Mrs. Kleiber asked if the Swim Pool Commission could think about offering a Military discount for the memberships.

Mr. Kranz said that it can be discussed with the membership fee increase for next year.

Mr. Kranz said that Ashley is doing a two-day free Yoga class this weekend June 18th and 19th. Ashley is trying to make sure that the Yoga class is not overlapping with Aqua Zumba and other activities at the pool.

Mr. Grimm:

Mr. Grimm said that he has not received a signed contract from SVY. They will be starting at the end of June.

Mr. Grimm said that he is looking for Lifeguards who are competent swimmers of the age of 15 years old. Who are considering being lifeguards. He is looking for lifeguards for the end of August when all the college kids go back to school.

Mr. Grimm said that for Mr. Crede’s memorial piece at the pool he would like to put a plaque by the snack bar and call it Bud’s Coffee Corner if possible. He would like to put a nice silhouette of Mr. Crede on the plaque.

The idea of having a social cornhole game down at the pool at the end of July was suggested. Where people would have to register. It would be \$5.00 a pair to play. It was suggested to pick a date at the end of July.

Liaison:

None.

Public Comment:

None.

Executive Session:

None.

Ms. Benson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 pm. It was seconded by Mrs. Kleiber, and all were in favor. Next meeting will be held at the Middlesex Community Pool at 7:00 pm on July 20, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

By Secretary, Katie Young