

July 20, 2022

Mr. Rudawski opened the meeting at 7:03 PM with the reading of the Open Public Meeting Law.  
Present: Mr. Rudawski, Ms. Benson, Mrs. Kleiber, Mrs. Dinger, Mr. Grimm, and Mr. Klein, and Mr. Poandl, Lenny Vidal Superintendent of DPW  
Absent: Mr. Kranz

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

**Finances:**

Mrs. Dinger present the Income and Expense report for the month of June.  
Mrs. Dinger asked how much more of the back pay to PSE&G does the pool have left to pay. Mr. Grimm said that we still own another \$6,000.00. He has just signed the voucher last week to pay \$5,000.00.  
Mrs. Dinger asked roughly how much between now and the end of the summer how much will the pool have to owe. Mr. Grimm said that it is anywhere between \$12,000.00 to \$13,000.00. He said he does have to give PSE&G a call in regards to the kiddy pool pump house account.

It was asked if we have filled membership. Katie said that the membership stands as of right now 817 memberships not including senior citizens.

Mr. Grimm said that the reason the pool has a cap of 900 membership. He said that we have to fill our membership to be able to issue any refunds.

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

**Old Business:**

Ms. Benson said that Lenny Vidal who is the Superintendent of Department of Public Works in town is here tonight to help resolve the telephone poles that need to be removed from around the lap pool. The enclosure of the property next to the lap pool, and removal of the batting cage from the property. Ms. Benson said that Lenny has agreed to come to this meeting today and next meeting as well.

Lenny Vidal has worked for Middlesex DPW for the past 23 years. He has worked his way up from working on the back of the garbage truck, to running the sign shop (he has designed the sign outside on the pump house, helped with the signage of the doors around the pool property) and now Superintendent of the DPW.

Lenny said he will have a have the batting cage removed off the property adjacent to the lap pool. He has spoke with Mike O'Donnell who agrees with moving to batting cages to the third baseline along the softball field.

Lenny said that the two poles closet to the high school the DPW has installed years ago. He said that he will work Mr. Grimm to set up a time in August when the pool is not busy to have his workers come in and remove the two poles. He did look at the two poles that are located by the walkway. He said that they look like they were installed by PSE&G. There were number ID tags that were nailed into the poles that must have fallen off over the years. He said that he has put in a call to PSE&G to come out to look at one of the poles and look at the second pole that could be theirs.

Marsha, Lenny, and Mr. Grimm had a meeting in regarding the property adjacent to the lap pool. Marsha said at that meeting that the property next to the pool is Middlesex Borough property.

Lenny said that pool can use the current fencing we have. He said that we would just have to pay for some extra fencing and new poles to enclose the new area. He said that there are two fencing companies on state contract that the pool can use. He also said that he has National Fencing come out to look at the soccer field fence. He said that he will ask them to give us an estimate on how much the expansion of the fence lining will be. He said that our double gate can be reused.

Mrs. Kleiber asked Lenny Vidal about paving the dirt areas at the entrance. If nothing can be planted and grown there, they should be covered over to make the entrance more presentable.

Lenny said that he will look into what he has for his paving budget and where he can possibly put a small portion of the budge to the pool pathway.

Mr. Rudawski asked if the batting cage can be removed by the end of next weekend or at least taken down. He said that the pool will be hosting Conferences on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. We have used the property in the past and the DPW has be grateful to take down the batting cage and bring in picnic tables from the park over to help with seating.

Lenny said that he will make sure the batting cage is down by the end of next week and it will be moved then. He will make sure that there are some picnic tables for the pool as well.

The Swim Pool Commission also asked Lenny if the registration signs can be taken down around town and stored for next years use. Lenny said that he will have the signs taken down and store them for next year.

Ms. Benson asked if we have put together the letter for Caroline stating that the completion of the Lap Pool project has been done and that we are closing out the account.

Katie said that the letter was not written for Caroline yet. We still have the telephone poles around the lap pool that need to be removed order to say the project has been completed.

Ms. Benson said that Mr. Klein mentioned about having enough lifeguards for the summer.

Mr. Grimm said that he has hired at total of 24 lifeguards for the summer. He said the staff is exhausted. It has been non-stop busy at the pool.

Ms. Benson said that it was mentioned that everything the pool is doing should have a budget. Just so we know how much we are being spent on everything. If an area needs a bigger budget, for the following year.

Mr. Rudawski said that Mrs. Dinger is now breaking down our financial to show home much we are spending and making throughout the year. It makes it easier for us in the fall to create out budget for the coming year.

Ms. Benson said that it was mentioned maybe some cornhole down at the pool at the end of July. She said nothing has been announced yet. She was wondering if the pool was going to be having anything. Mr. Grimm said that the staff has been overwhelmed at the pool. He has not had enough staff on the weekend. They have had to cancel family fun night, there has not been enough staff to have them stay and work.

Ms. Benson said that what is in the minutes and what is being announced it not always accurate.

It was asked how Yoga attendance/ enrollment was going. We did not have a list from Ashley who has been attending the classes.

**Logo Contest:**

We had many entries for our Logo Contest. We have narrowed them down to 5 entries that can be submitted to the mayor and council. We are looking for something that can be used forever as a logo. That can be put on a shirt or letter heading. Some of the logos were nice but very busy. There were some that are just a traditional logo for pools. We will discuss this more at the next months meeting.



**New Business:**

Mr. Rudawski mentioned that Katie had received a few email messages for refunds of their membership. Our policy states that we cannot give a refund of a membership unless we have filled our membership. We have in the past given a refund due someone falling ill suddenly.

Carmen Christeleit whose parent has fallen ill and has had to move in with them to take care of them. They have not attended the pool at all this summer. She has asked for a refund.

Claudia Ospina who is requesting a refund due to moving to another city and will not be using the membership. She has attended the pool twice back in June of 2022.

Cesily Frost is requesting a refund because she thought when purchasing the membership that swimming lessons were included in the cost of the membership. She has not used the pool this summer.

Djeina Haruta I recently joined the community pool and I love it! I also found out I am finally pregnant! This has been extremely hard for me to achieve after numerous miscarriages. I actually thought it was impossible. That said, I am very worried about this pregnancy, and I don't want to jeopardize it in any way although it is not restricted to swim in pregnancy mine is a late one and I am extremely worried about anything since it's still early. Anyway, I am not planning to come to pool and was wondering if I can get the joiners fee back or at least a portion of it?  
She has attended the pool a total of 3 times this summer.

The Swim Pool Commission felt that the Carmen Christeleit having to take care of a family member who is ill should be refunded seeing as she will not be around and has not attended the pool.

Ms. Benson made a motion to refund Carmen Christeleit membership for the Summer of 2022 due to needing to care for an ill family member. It was seconded by Mrs. Kleiber and carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Mr. Klein, Mr. Poandl, Mr. Rudawski, Ms. Benson, Mrs. Dinger and Mrs. Kleiber. Nos: None. Abstained: None

Annie Rudawski and Cathy Rudawski from the Swim Team informed the Swim Pool Commission that on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and August 3<sup>rd</sup> that we will be hosting the NJSDC (New Jersey Swimming and Diving Conferences) Conferences at our pool. Ther is a total of 41 teams that can be at the pool both days. August 2<sup>nd</sup> the Conferences are in the morning and the pool ground would be able to be used that for the patrons. On August 3<sup>rd</sup> they have Conferences in the morning and Finals in the evening.

Mrs. Rudawski said that last year we had around about 500 people in attendance both days of this event. This year since the National Swimming event is not on the same days there will be more swimmer in attendance than normal. Which means more than 500 people will be in attendance for this event. She is asking that Mr. Grimm close the pool for August 3<sup>rd</sup> for this even that has two sessions that day.

Mr. Grimm said that the pool will be closed on August 3<sup>rd</sup> to the patrons due to the number of attendees that will be attending this even.

There was a complaint from a resident of Emma Place about patrons parking on the streets and leaving garbage on their street. The Swim Pool Commission has informed the resident of Emma Place that it is a public street and to please contact the Police Department.

### **Publicity:**

Publicity Items for July 20, 2022 Meeting

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.

Yoga Demo – I asked a few of the people who were at the demo how they heard of the pool. The consensus was word of mouth. One said all of the signs in town made finding out how to register

easy. One attendee had never been to the pool prior to coming to the demo. Free Clinics I had the Yoga Demos and Aqualytes Free Clinic Days added as a news item on the website.

Aqualytes: Show is in 3 weeks, do we have their T-shirt order ready to go? Flyer created and distributed on website and social media.

**Mr. Grimm:**

Mr. Grimm said that the Birthday Parties at the pool have become out of control. There was a family wanting to hold a birthday party at the pool with 80 guest they wanted to have in attendance. He said parties need to have a cap on how many people are coming in for birthday parties.

**Liaison:**

None.

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Executive Session:**

None.

Ms. Benson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 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 August 17, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

By Secretary, Katie Young