



February 15, 2023

Mr. Kranz opened the meeting at 7:04 PM with the reading of the Open Public Meeting Law.
Present: Mr. Klein, Mr. Kranz, Mrs. Dinger, Mr. Poandl, Mr. Kranz, Mr. Rudawski, Ms. Benson, and Mr. Dessino, Mrs. Kleiber

Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Kleiber sent corrections to the January 2023, meeting minutes to the Pool Secretary.

Mr. Rudawski made a motion to accept the January 21, 2023, minutes. It was seconded by Mr. Poandl and carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Mr. Klein, Mrs. Dinger, Mr. Kranz, Mr. Poandl, Ms. Benson, Mr. Rudawski, and Mrs. Kleiber. Nos: None. Abstained: None.

Finances:

Mrs. Dinger asked if the pool was caught up with the Public Service Bill.
Mr. Grimm reported that the pool was all caught up with the Public Service Bill.

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

Old Business:

1. Logo Contest Update- Mrs. Kleiber talked to Mr. Dow the art teacher at the high school, and she needs to talk to the winner's parents to sign a form so that the winner's name can be released. Mr. Kranz said the new logo can be released but the parent's permission is needed to share the winner's name.
Mr. Kranz said it was not necessary to announce the winner before it is used.
Mr. Rudawski said the logo will be seen on information related to the pool.
Mr. Kranz said he wants to start using the logo on ads, the website, apparel, and sign-up forms.
Mr. Klein said that the winner can be recognized on the board at the pool entrance.
Mr. Rudawski mentioned that something can be done on opening day or that weekend but not during the Open House. There was plenty of time to post it at the pool.
Mr. Kranz asked if the town can create a placard on the front gate.
2. Slide project-Mr. Kranz asked if there was anything new on the slide.
Mr. Grimm reported that he reached out to Josh Jones, and he hoped it will all be completed by May. The purchase order has been processed. An appointment just needs to be scheduled.
3. Community Day- Mr. Kranz said on Community Day will have a table with a banner.
Mrs. Kleiber said that she has the banner. She suggested that maybe people can take shifts at the table on that day.

Mr. Kranz suggested that there is a rededication of the new slide with a ribbon cutting ceremony. This will keep the pool in the news. The Open House is May 20, 2023, and Opening Day is May 27, 2023.



New Business:

Mr. Kranz noted that all information needs to reflect the new rates for the pool. The borough website has the old prices. He said he wants all the prices off the website. Scott at the borough needs to be contacted.

Mr. Kranz asked if the pool was ready for the Point-of-Sale system in the snack bar.

Mr. Rudawski said they will be ready, and he will test it on the network at the pool.

Mr. Kranz said there will be credit card sales for food only at the pool.

Publicity:

Mrs. Kleiber reported that the new logo is digitized and ready. The logo winner's parents will be contacted to get the parent's permission to share his/her name. Mrs. Kleiber asked if E-Soft can have the town of Middlesex printed on the line for the city on the form.

Mr. Kranz reported that this is not possible in the software.

Mrs. Kleiber emailed out samples of the possible advertisements for the pool. Synchronized swimming and Yoga will be removed from the advertisement. The words "swim team" will be moved on the flier. The QR code on the advertisement takes people to the main Borough of Middlesex website.

Mr. Rudawski asked of the wording "credit card" be removed from the advertisement.

Mr. Kranz asked if we can have people use their credit card for membership at the pool. Their credit card number could be typed in on the form.

Mr. Rudawski had a concern about typing in someone's credit card number.

Mr. Grimm asked if the credit card reader can be moved from the snack bar to the front desk? Why can't the person use a laptop and type their information into the computer and register right at the pool. They can enter their own information at the pool.

Mr. Kranz said there could be a laptop that people can use to register right at the pool. We could let the public sign up at the pool. They can enter their information, credit card information and family registration.

Mrs. Kleiber said last year about 50 people wanted to sign up right away. Last year they had to go home and complete the form on their computer.

Mrs. Kleiber said Watchung Terrace has a newsletter and the add should be in their newsletter by March 1st. Mrs. Kleiber has also attempted to contact the apartment in the area but there is no manger's office. She would need to go through the property manager.

Mrs. Kleiber sent out a request for Beechwood firehouse to put pool information on their sign. Lenny from the roads department was contacted to ask him to be ready to put up the signs at the pool.

Mrs. Kleiber shared "The Plunge" advertisement scheduled for May 27, 2023.

Mr. Kranz said that in March and April, "The Plunge" needs to be talked up. The charity who will receive the donated money needs to be determined.



Mrs. Kleiber listed many local charities: the Elks, Middlesex Food Bank, the PBA 181, the Rescue Squad, and the Fire Department.

Mr. Kranz said that in March they will have to decide which charity will get the money from “The Plunge”.

Mrs. Dinger asked if the commission should shorten the window of “The Plunge”.

Mr. Kranz said the pool could open at 9:00 am. “The Plunge” would take place at 9:30 am and the grounds are closed at 10:00 am. The details will be figured out at the next meeting. Which ever charity gets chosen to receive the money from “The Plunge” will get fliers to share with their members.

Mrs. Kleiber asked if there can be sponsors and tee-shirts.

Mr. Kranz said to see how it goes the first year. This is a unique event to our pool and 100% of the money will be donated.

Mrs. Kleiber had a new item, a Funday at the Stadium, as another way to promote the pool.

Mr. Kranz did not see this for pool community members.

Mr. Rudawski said that it may be better for a team to promote this kind of outing and not the Community Pool.

Mr. Grimm:

Mr. Grimm said he is working with Mr. Conahan and Lucent Energy who will be looking at the energy bills at town hall.

Mr. Grimm will talk to Lenny to show him where he would like to place the solar panels. Mr. Grimm would like to take off the roof of the snack bar eating area and use the solar panels as a cover for the snack bar.

Mr. Poandl had experience with Lucent Energy. The company should look at the whole area to determine where the panels can be placed.

Mr. Grimm reached out to the Synchronized Swimming coach to tell her there will not be a team this year. The pool had the last synchronized swimming team in NJ.

Mr. Kranz mentioned that it was a good thing that they were able to have the 50th Anniversary celebration in 2022.

Mr. Grimm has reached out to the guards, but he has not hired any currently.

Mr. Grimm told the commission he will not be able to attend the March 15th meeting.

Mr. Grimm will need the apparel size of the logo winners so apparel can be ordered for him/her.

Liaison:

Mr. Dessino said that the bond is up June 2025. He also said he asked about restructuring the bond.

Public Comment:



Elyse Robbins, 400 Fulton Street, spoke to the committee. Her daughter worked at the pool during the summer of 2022. Her 15-year-old daughter received a second degree burn from the pizza oven. Ms. Robbins said. "The oven gloves were short." The parents were not contacted about the burn. Her daughter stayed to work her shift. Mrs. Rudawski gave her first aide. Her daughter was later seen by a doctor. Ms. Robbins wants to make sure that things are safe at the pool. Ms. Robbins said there was a broom stick holding the air fryer. Her main concern is safety. She was also concerned about the pay not being correct on her daughter's working papers and the working papers did not come back to the family.

Mr. Grimm said that the kids give their working papers to him, and he completes them. He returns them to the student when he is finished.

Ms. Robbins said she called the school for the working papers, but the school did not get the working papers.

Mr. Grimm said that her rate of pay was not correct. People under the age of 18 are called "Young Workers". You do not have to pay minimum wage for young workers. The pool pays the "seasonal young worker" more.

Mr. Grimm said the handle to the air fryer broke during the last 2 weeks of the season. A door handle was safely made from the handle of a broomstick so that it would not conduct heat. Health inspectors and insurance inspectors come to inspect the snack bar.

Mr. Klein said the working papers should come back to the pool.

Mr. Grimm said he has not seen any papers from other students.

Mr. Kranz said they can ask the school to send the papers back to the pool.

Mr. Klein said maybe the form has been held at 1200 Mountain Ave.

Mr. Kranz said they can ask the town to provide a list of the young workers employed.

Mr. Grimm said we adjust the wages to be competitive.

Mr. Kranz read the law concerning "young workers".

Mrs. Dinger made a motion to go into Executive Session 8:45 pm. It was seconded by Mr. Rudawski and it was carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Mr. Kranz, Mrs. Dinger, Mrs. Kleiber, Mr. Poandl, Ms. Benson, Mr. Klein, and Mr. Rudawski. Nos: None. Abstained: None.

Executive Session:

Adjourn to Executive Session time 8:45 pm.

Return to Regular session time 9:10 pm.

Mr. Rudawski made a motion to hire James Grimm as the Middlesex Community Pool Swim Pool Manger. It was seconded by Mrs. Kleiber and carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Mr. Kranz, Mr. Rudawski, Mr. Klein, Mr. Poandl, Mrs. Dinger, Mrs. Kleiber, and Ms. Benson. Nos: None. Abstained: None.



Mr. Rudawski made a motion to hire Katie Young as the Middlesex Community Pool Secretary. It was seconded by Mrs. Kleiber and carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Mr. Kranz, Mr. Rudawski, Mr. Poandl, Mr. Klein, Ms. Benson, Mrs. Kleiber, and Mrs. Dinger. Nos: None. Abstained: None.

Mr. Dinger made a motion to increase the salary of Katie Young by 2.5% retroactive to January 1, 2023. It was seconded by Mrs. Kleiber and carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Mr. Kranz, Mrs. Dinger, Mr. Klein, Mr. Poandl, Mr. Rudawski, Mrs. Kleiber, and Ms. Benson.

Mr. Rudawski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20pm. It was seconded by Mr. Poandl, and all were in favor. Next meeting will be held at the Middlesex Public Library at 7:00 pm on March 15, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,

By Secretary, Katie Young