

## HILLSDALE SWIMMING POOL COMMISSION

### REGULAR MEETING

**AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Hillsdale Swimming Pool Commission was brought to order at 7:42pm Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The announcement of the meeting was read by Chairperson Metz in accordance with the Open Public meeting of the State of New Jersey.

**Roll Call:** Commissioners Roe Metz, Paul Miller, Linda Parisi

**Council Liaison:** Abby Lundy

**Swim Coach:** Don Wagner

**Absent:** Bo Petkovich

**Late Arrival:** John Inserra 7:48pm

**Minutes from July:** Approved

Motion: Paul Miller

Seconded: Roe Metz

All in favor, yes

It was acknowledged that Council Liaison's Abby Lundy's birthday is today.

### **Correspondence:**

Bloom: Voted no for reimbursement.

Medici: Voted no for reimbursement.

Diomede: Voted no for reimbursement.

Paul: No refund policy after May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016. We have never granted a refund, doing the right thing is sticking to the policies we have in order. Patty said maybe a partial credit towards the following year's membership.

Paul: No refund means, not any refunds. Roe: Make a motion for no refunds, under any circumstances.

Paul: To reiterate the policy.

John: Seconded the motion.

**All in favor, yes.**

**Membership:**

Total membership: 663,056.56

Other: \$81,618 + \$40,000 = \$121,618.00

- \$80,000 – point of sale
- \$40,000 – camp / recreational activities

Total: \$784,674.00

Right now we are bringing in about \$500 per diem in guest passes and about \$1,000 on weekends.

**Dome:**

Roe: Bo is trying to meet the timeline of the fall and trying to get proposals approved. Mayor would like us to go to the planning meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The people could come and voice their concerns. We need a formal vote to move forward with a project for the dome.

Paul stated, we have already voted on the RFP, why do we need to make another official vote?

Patty asked to have a formal/official vote to move forward, we already voted to move the money from the office addition.

Linda: In order to get to those next steps we must agree to a meeting to move forward with the planning board and other stages.

Roe had stated that the mayor requested we do a survey of people's interest in this project.

Abby: We are voting to bring this project forward contingent upon member, community feedback.

Paul: We need our proposals back first. There are issues

Patty had mentioned that in each set of meeting minutes from June and July we have been talking about this.

John said that if we are voting to move forward, "I am for it."

The discussion continued and some of the commissioners feel that having the proper information before moving to the next step would be helpful.

In order to move forward all commission members must be present at the next meeting so that all involved agree of how to move forward.

Some questions arose pertaining to the dome.

Paul stated we should put it before the planning board, if it gets approved then we can approve it too. What authorization do we need? Is this a viable project? We need to collect more data. John said, the council should send everything back to us and then we can move forward with the project.

Patty, we were asked in our meeting with the Mayor, Engineer and Attorney for a vote yes to move forward to put a packet together. Then they will do the RFP and commission with then review and make any changes if needed. Paul: Due diligence would be them giving us all information prior to our approval of the dome. Abby: It is not a project because it has not yet been approved as a project. John: We need to vote to make this a project.

Abby: Bo has more information about this project; unfortunately he is not in attendance this evening.

Roe: Going to Planning Board is to amend the site plan. This puts this on the agenda of the town council. Paul: We cannot say we are moving forward with this project until we get our RFP.

Roe: Town will get in touch with the DCA (division of community affairs).Roe: In 5 years we would own it. Patty: We cannot spend money on our project without the approval of the town.

Paul: Maximize the value of the asset and rent it out to others. Vendor would rent the pool. Bonds wouldn't be a bad idea. What is best for Stonybrook?

Linda: Can we pay for this project? Do we really want to bond?

Roe: Before we make any commitments to the things we are doing at the club, the council will not approve immediately. Let's get this done by spring to not rush deadlines. Money has not been repurposed yet, if we move forward with this that we know it will be profitable.

Roe: reached out for Bo and received a text that Bo will not be here.

Linda: It has potential to bring in more membership and additional revenue to the club. There is a need for indoor pools in the area, good chance for the profitable after the first year of two; we would be the first club in the area to do anything like this. Paul: Expressed concern about having Don's name on the project with quotes and estimates.

Abby: Don is a potential bidder who has gone at length to plan. Paul: Let's get this bid out to the council.

Abby: Have the RFP done, send the bid out, then if the bidder meets the requirements we can move forward with the dome. What is the point of going to the planning board?

Roe: Patty, how was it done then?

Patty: Even if they have comments about the project they will not stop us from moving forward. We did not go before the planning board when we did the competition pool, pump house and slide. Roe: We can vote that this is the direction we are heading in and we can meet with the planning board as an informal hearing, please amend the site plan to include the expansion and the dome. Roe: We should call Bo to see how the rest of his meeting went with the mayor. It was proposed that we meet at another time to discuss more in depth with Bo.

Patty: We have so many days after the proposal has been created that we can accept it so that we do not blind side the public. Bring it to the planning board will bring it into the public eye.

**Guest Special for end of summer:**

Patty: Gets calls all day, asked commission if we can do a 1 week nonmember guest rate. Roe: What about members who only come in August? Will we then lose out on membership?

Patty: Just like we had movie nights for \$5.00 @ 5pm brought in roughly \$1,500.00. This could help with our revenue. John: If it brings in more money then why not?

Linda: It brings concern because of membership and then more work for the gate staff. As much as we would like to make money the long-term it could it deter people for membership. It may be too confusing. This brings up the issue of partial membership.

Roe: Made the motion not have a 1 week guest fee for non-members.

Linda: Seconded the notion.

All in favor, yes

### **Miscellaneous:**

We have been doing random badge checks for members.

Patty: Met with the IT guy for next summer we HAVE TO have scanners at all gates so that we do not have an issue with people sneaking in.

- Gates on the side can either close or we can get the scanners for roughly \$500.00 each. Then we would need either a lap top or tablet, she will get prices.
- What can we get so that the staff do not have access for anything other than community pass / badge checking software?
- Find something simple to use for all staff and allows us to scan the badge and the picture will pop up.

Paul, Fingerprint scanner could be useful.

Roe: Another meeting should be held before our next scheduled meeting. September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm would be a meeting strictly for the dome for

clarification with the mayor and finance so that all parties are on the same page.

Patty: Have Bo email the details of his meeting prior to the 7<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be at 7:30pm.

Roe: Winter swim hour survey needs to be sent out. Paul: Put in the information that it is potentially going to have a dome and would offer winter hours.

Roe: Motion to adjourn the meeting, 8:57pm.

All seconded.

**Meeting adjourned: 8:57pm, Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**The next meeting will be on September 7<sup>th</sup> and the 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:30pm.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Erica Rose Cohen**