

**Meeting of:
Hillsdale Swimming Pool Commission
April 19, 2017 @ 7:30pm**

The regular meeting of the Stonybrook Swimming Pool Commission was brought to order by chairman Metz at 7:36pm.

Roll Call: Roe Metz, Bo Petkovich, Linda Parisi, Shawn Buchanan, John Inserra

Council Liaison: Abby Lundy

Managing Director: Patty Hughes

Comments from the Public:

Jameson - Lawyer

Dialogue with attorney and concerns and suggestions about the project. Some issues had been responded. Factual standpoint, and express concerns and moving forward.

Express gratitude with changes made and been willing to work with us to improve this project to be completed for the benefit of the borough. Move the generator, fan, pool heater, trailers to far side to the enclosure. We are appreciative. You have agreed to make it off white which will make less of a visual impact. We are moving in the right direction and discuss this letter.

Jameson mentioned 2 primary concerns below:

1. **Structure itself** - talk originally about the dome project but when we met on 4/4/17 it's not a dome per say, an inflatable with fans but instead a steel supported structure. Take the collective view and work on a solution to make most people happy. Minor concern that a bubble is less visually attractive than an A frame. We know it will have the fabric over it. My concern, is that it is the air and fan supporting the structure because of the noise.

Abby: It is supported by beams.

Bo: It is not inflatable. It is steel/aluminum because it is more pleasing and we want to make sure it looks good for our members. When we discussed early on the air and fans were quickly taken off the table. It was addressed by us and we heard your concerns. We went with the off white based off of our last meeting.

Abby: Winter enclosure as opposed to dome.

Bo: Fans are on the far side which has been requested in the design. Fans are not going to be noisy.

Jameson: Dispute about the height of the structure. 25-26ft. We had asked for 26 which you said you couldn't do. It is code not higher than 30ft.

Bo: We are hoping for it to be 26ft because extra height would cost all ends more money because it would increase all costs. 26 is the target. The ordinance of the town is 30ft. It cannot be higher than 30ft as per the town ordinance.

Jameson: It is going to be opaque, not translucent or glow like a beacon. It could be windows and doors. That some light may leak out. Fabric flap over the windows to look into.

Patty: Let some daylight in.

Jameson: Nighttime covers?

Bo: It's ordinary building with any else light to make sure the fabric didn't glow and it is opaque which meets that standard.

Jameson: No advertising on the side of the structure.

Roe: Because the structure has the far side labels on it. If it comes with a logo on it we can't do anything like that.

John: It's not like nascar.

Bo: It won't have large advertisements or billboard or sell advertising space.

Patty: the town isn't big into signage.

Abby: Sign ordinance would apply to this.

Bo: In our best interest to keep the club as classy looking as possible.

Jameson: Sound principles. That is essentially going to be it. I will talk to the group further about it. You know we are concerned about sound. Not going with an air filled bubble, any concerns about the shape and it won't have additional fans. The height will be lower than 30 but cannot guarantee.

Roe: We can guarantee it will not be over 30ft.

2. Hours of operation on the weekends - This is a significant concern, 5:30-9:30. It should be designed for the entire community not 5 people. Open summer hours at noon.

Patty: swim lessons and team are open before our hours of operation

Jameson: We asked for 8am. 5am is too early and it is the defining issue in the support of the project. We are all on the right track and want to work together. We would like to see a little more give on the hours of operation.

Bo: Early hours are quiet and that's when swimmers swim prior to most people getting up. Since it is indoors you will not hear them. We adjusted the hours after our past meeting even further. This is our 3rd concession to get the hours reasonable to an aquatic program and provide hours for everyone to use. We encourage you to reconsider and that they are critical in directing a swim program. We did make 3 concessions to this point, already. Hopefully you will take that into consideration.

Shawn: Community programs are open later on weekend and open around the time we suggested.

Jameson: It has to be competitive and neighbors need to be taken into account. Maybe Sunday's? Some issue with 3 concessions.

Bo: Original RFP is 4:30.

Jameson: The other things are the parking lot project and lighting project. Plans really haven't been developed and we don't know the details of it yet. Lights in the lot and types of lights. We can reserve our right to look at that and that they will be on a timer and off at night when the club is closed. The lights on the property line will be better than closer in. We will cross that bridge when we get there.

Roe: Parking lot has nothing to do with winter swim program.

Jameson: No more parking spaces over there.

Patty: No defined spaces, if we paved it we would make more spaces.

Jameson: I created that confusion. We won't add more parking on the gravel and remove the fire gate. We would appreciate the planting when the fire gate is removed, not more parking spots.

Patty: There won't be more parking spots if the gate is still in place.

John: Fire gate removal.

John: Major operation, I drive the truck on there they aren't gonna be able to get around me.

Patty: If there is an incident they go in through there since it is difficult around the gate.

John: I'm letting you know why they are there.

Jameson: How it is going to be paid for if you are a resident? Do you pay for the winter that you pay for the summer?

Bo: Different slots for different levels and needs. Summer fee is separate.

Roe: The successful bidder will run but we collect rent.

Bo: Food court analogy.

Jameson: Its separate?

Bo: Summer rate is memorial day to labor day and winter is separate.

Jameson: Thank you for the progress we made and communicate further concerns for your project. Thank you for letting me speak.

Harold Schill

A couple of questions about the fire gate the truck cannot get through, straight shot from cedar to schill or from complex to pool area, an ambulance can get through. Commission has been very agreeable. I want to express my thanks and we are making some progress.

1. 5 year contract with operator - how will you evaluate the performance of the operator?
 - a. John: It is written in there. We can remove them at any time with cause.
 - b. Bo: Cleanliness
 - c. Roe: Patty will oversee
2. 5-6am time period. Indicated that most of the time would be dedicated to master swim but not all. I wonder if that is a possibility to lock in that period for master swim?
 - a. Patty: We will use it at our discretion.
 - b. Harold:
 - c. Roe: They aren't doing it at 5am now. These people are respectful.
3. Competitive swim program do you envision the operator doing this as opposed to other programs?
 - a. Bo: From 6-7:15 am is typical. 5-6am is master swimmers and high schoolers will go in from 6-7am and then some people come in from 7-8
 - b. Shawn: Most likely it will be adults or during lunch time who leave during their lunch break.
 - c. Bo: 3-8pm
 - d. Shawn: High school practices 4:45am was the time given to us. Being dropped off, they run out of the car into the building and it's cold in the winter. They are tired too and practice gets going.
 - e. Harold: Going after school for the teams. My high school did they had a fantastic record.
 - f. Shawn: They could start at 3-4 if that's available.
4. Idea of the numbers? Phoenix in the summer, how many people involved?
 - a. Bo: Summer is broken up. Phoenix rents pool time from us and they coach our team at 8am. When you hear young children that is the time. That is our summer team who does it from

phoenix. That is different than renting our summer swim time.
That is the difference.

- b. Harold: Are they from Hillsdale?
- c. Bo: most folks, are from the area that early in the morning.
- d. Linda: Stonybrook swim team or competitive swim team?
- e. Harold: Competitive team.
- f. Bo: 6 lanes about 3 kids at one time.
- g. Harold: Thank you for progress and to continue the dialogue.

Wendy: I moved to hillsdale in November. I wanted something ice and quiet. My concern was living next to a pool. When I was considering moving I looked at the hours. I come to find out about the winter swim. There was nothing on the website about it. Unfortunately, I am suffering some buyer's remorse. I understand you want to offer swim service to people and I do support the efforts but be considerate of your neighbors. Some more would be the hours on the weekends. Woodcliff lake had a similar proposal in April 2015. They ultimately did not pursue it. I was wondering if you knew why.

Patty: One factor was that it is 1 large pool with sections and they would need a bulkhead which was an enormous expense or keep the entire pool open. It is all one giant pool and finances.

Wendy: How many other pool operators are there? How many bidders are you expecting?

Linda: There are many in the area. I'd say it's about 10-15 on the top of her head.

Wendy: You expect multiple bidders.

Don Hansen: It won't be a bubble or an inflated thing. Is that specified in the RFP?

Commission: Not a bubble, it's in the specs.

Don: Regarding the windows and light? How many? Size?

Roe: Not as of yet.

Patty: It comes from the enclosure company.

Don: Can it be put in the RFP?

Abby: They are going to use the specs and choose their company.

Bo: It would come in standard formats and sizes and leave it to them and we have the say.

Don: Skylight situation?

Patty: No skylights.

Bo: Door or windows on the side.

Don: Specify doors or windows or drop down flap on the windows.

Bo: We can add it as an accessory.

Abby: It may come that way.

Bo: I don't think that it will be an issue. We would be glad to put a curtain up if it's an issue.

Don: Regarding the hours, 6-7am high school kids with whistles and shouting and usual sounds that one would expect.

Patty: They will be inside swimming. No one will be shouting.

Abby: It will be inside and in the pool.

Bo: These are quiet and disciplined kids not rowdy or screaming at the pool. It is different than summer play.

Don: As a matter of the organization.

Patty: summer is fun swim. All year around is there to learn, develop, move up, or practice skills.

Abby: Parents pay a lot of money for their kids to be there.

Shawn: I talk to my swimmers. It's a coach preference not an all around swim culture.

Linda: Kids are in the water and don't get out. When they get out they go to school or rush to do homework. I sat through these practices. It is silent when they swim, you only hear them pushing through the water because that is what they are there for. I have to honestly say, I've not heard a coach use a whistle yet. It is in and out, there is not time for anything else.

Shawn: There isn't hanging out on the pool deck time is limited.

Bo: Meets are not loud, it's a training facility. 5 swimmers per lane and it's not a race. It is a skill level based training. It is quiet and you don't need a whistle. They aren't forbidden, it's just not typical.

Linda: It is based on a digital clock constantly running.

Don: Concerns from the letter, we had asked if you're having swim from 5-6 that it be master swim not competitive swimming. If you're telling me competition swimming is working out going on then it sounds like it's quiet.

Roe: There is not a meet or competition that time in the morning.

Bo: It is a workout during that time, not a meet. A meet would happen during the day, not 5am.

Shawn: We will not have space for a meet. There is no possible way because of deck space. It is so limited you won't be able to fit a team there.

Don: In short, you don't envision having anything that early noisier than the master swim.

Roe: Correct.

Don: Swim facilities in the area start early in the morning, are they next to a community of houses?

Shawn: Ridgewood Y is near homes

Don: But it is enclosed

Shawn: We would be on the forefront of a winter enclosure.

Bo: This could remain. We are putting it up and taking it down by choice. It is not going to remain year round. Please contact these people in colorado. It is a structure not concrete walls but it has similar insulation factors to a brick and mortar structure.

Scott: Just one question, so my background is engineering. The structures during the conversation I heard we are questioning this.

Will there be a project manager?

Patty/Abby: Borough engineer and installation will match the drawing.

Scott: Thanks

Roe: Any questions? Close meeting to the public. 8:32pm

Patty: 3 issues that need to be addressed with the condo association.

1. Dog poo
2. Dumpster
3. Leaves

Hours M-F 5am-10pm

Saturday 5:30am-9:30pm

Sunday 7am-9pm

Motion to approve March minutes:

Roe: Motion

Linda: Seconded

All in favor: Yes

Advertising: No correspondence at this time.

Twitter:

Tweets:

1. Registration for summer 2017 now open! Check out our website: <http://www.hillsdalenj.org/>
register at: <https://register.communitypass.net/>
2. Early bird registration is open until May 5th! Go to our website to register

Shawn: Ad ran in newspaper

Patty: People have signed up

Membership:

268 memberships so far, total \$145,900

Early bird discount is for 2 more weeks

We can hand out fliers and tape them up by some stands at the carnival

Patty: Registration has been in the email blast.

Roe: Good weather brings more membership

Bo: I'll take my 5 year old

Roe: Anything else? Covering carnival fliers

Patty: Put them on the windshields of cars

Bo: I'll take care of it

Opening of the Club:

Roe: summer bid is done.

Patty: renovation of Intermediate pool new tile, depth markers are in, new coping, and waiting for plaster of the pool

Roe: Pipes

Patty: At the end of last year we hit our maximum threshold with our plumber to winterize the club. We had to pick the lowest price. I expressed my concerns with Jonathan. It doesn't sit well with me. United water came to put the meter back in. The housing of the meter is cracked. The winter guy is contracted to open. There are so many broken pipes. It was not done properly. He didn't call to say things were cracked. The pool guy told me. I told Jonathan that the club was wide open, didn't call me, and the pipes are cracked. I called this guys office and the girl said he had to run to the doctor he'll be back at 3pm. I had to be someplace at 3pm and zipped over there. I asked what happened and he told me someone was screwing around with the stuff and things are messed up. He tried to blame other people. Once it is winterized you cannot get water in there. He must not have done it properly. I took a look, sections of PVC pipes blown out on the ground, water was pouring out, the freezer was filled with water. He's going to assess the problems. The guy has not returned the phone call. I wrote it

up and sent it to the attorney. I told the girl if I don't hear from him today he will hear from our attorney. He will be there to fix it and talk about the cost at 8am tomorrow. There is no contract, winterized mens and ladies room, and pump house. \$950 for closing and opening. We cannot pay him for the repairs that he made. This is a disaster.

Bo: How many pipes are broken?

Patty: There are broken pipes. We have to open the walls to see how many are broken. Holding up Lehman from finishing up and swim practice. I know a different plumber after this guy comes I'll have him come in. I didn't even go in the men's room. In the ladies room I could feel the broken pipe in at least 2 showers, hot water heater room.

Shawn: Even if someone turned the water on, it wouldn't blow the pipes now.

Bo: Is it possible someone turned water on in the winter?

Patty: Valves should be open, the meter was gone, and water should have been flushed. I got a phone call from John Rule from united water. He called about other things. He asked what had happened at the club and heard the housing was cracked if water was left in there. We could get a bill for that too.

John: Is there anything that the insurance company could do?

Patty: No. We would have to sue him. We have never had an issue with this. Because this guy wasn't familiar, when you turn the water on you have to slowly put it on because of the pressure. DPW super will be with me and we have to see what this guy is going to do.

Bo: The pipes could be fixed.

Patty: The pipes behind the walls and in the ground are in question. I will know more tomorrow. Lehman pools asked to re-caulk the competition pool. They cleaned it all up and caulked it. With that, they could have started filling the pool. They asked if you could get the fire department to come over and fill it. 100,000 gallons to fill the pool. The tile needs to be redone. We may not have enough spare tile.

Shawn: What about their insurance?

Bo: They can fix the pipes, the tile could be fixed in time, we need the water running to run the facility first. Tile and insurance can be worked out.

Patty: If the toilets work we will be in good shape.

Scholarship:

Shawn: Ideas for the scholarship. We missed the window on it for this year. We would work on it for next year. We should plan on the fall, contest in winter, and decided in the spring for next year.

RFP:

It is out to the DCA. It will take up to a month, it could be sooner with approval. It will have to go to council for approval. It can go out to bid for 20 days and then it'll come back to us and then we will bring it to council to approve or not approve the project. It will also go before the finance committee.

Abby reported on prior council meeting including financial concerns and community approval.

Discussion about the condominium concerns took place.

Police use of the facility:

Patty: Police department asked if they could do some PBA fundraisers and asked about using the grounds and parking lot by cedar lane, not

swimming and no kids but it would potentially be either at the end of the season. September 8th/9th or September 30th or October 7th.

All in favor for either date for the PBA

Roe: If we are breaking ground then it would be best to have it earlier

John: When will they need to know by?

Patty: If they have lifeguards we have to pay for them but if it is not then we could allow it or family function with pools.

Shawn: Adults only, removing issue of the lifeguard.

Roe: What about accidents?

Patty: Labor day we will start closing and covering up. October we close completely, based on the weather.

Bo: September 30th date works better

John: What if there isn't construction?

Patty: We have to block off areas if under construction

Bo: Open to more than the PBA, if it is a fundraiser how many people will come?

Patty: We need more details and we can figure it out once more information is provided to us.

John: Longtimers discount?

Patty: Discounts to the new people

John: Members who have been here for x amount of years we could give them a guest book

Shawn: Guideline

Patty: We could do something for next year, say oh well, or make an incentive

Shawn: If you've been a member for 5 consecutive years, a guest book. We could think about it for next year.

Patty: 2013 we went computerized so we may not have record, I know people but we could look them up

Bo: If they signed up for the 5th year then we could give them the guest book as an incentive

Shawn: We need to establish parameters

Roe: We may or may not do it this year and not next year

Abby: Nothing new because of future concerns?

Patty: Discounts had to come from the ordinance

Bo: Special promotion to be discussed further

Abby: The guest book may bring in new members

Patty: We will revisit it next month

Bo: We would send out a blast or how to keep track of it all?

Abby: Let's run a report first to see who it applies to

Patty: Members for 5 consecutive years report will be generated

Motion to adjourn: 9:52pm

Roe: motion

John: seconded

All in favor, yes

The following regular meeting for the swim commission was scheduled for the 10th of May. **It had been decided by the commission to move the meeting to May 17th at 7:30pm to be held at Stonybrook Swim Club.** A tentative second meeting may be held on May 31, 2017 @ 7:30pm at Stonybrook Swim Club.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Erica Rose Cohen**