

HILLSDALE SWIMMING POOL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
February 12, 2014

The regular meeting of the Hillsdale Swimming Pool Commission was brought to order at 7:35 p.m., on Wednesday, February 12, 2014. The announcement of the meeting was read by Chairman, Jay Campbell, in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Law of the State of New Jersey

PRESENT: Chairman, Jay Campbell, Vice Chairman, Paul Muller, Commissioners, Lee Ann Everett, Rosemary Metz, Jack O'Hara, Managing Director Patty Hughes, Council Liaison Chrisoula Looes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 8, 2014

Minutes were approved with the exception of changing minutes to read Chrisoula Looes as present instead of absent.

MOTION TO APPROVE REORGANIZATION MINUTES:

APPROVED: Commissioner Everett

SECOND: Vice Chairman Muller

MOTION TO APPROVE REGULAR MINUTES:

APPROVED: Chairman Campbell

SECOND: Vice Chairman Muller

CORRESPONDENCE: None at this time.

TOPICS FOR PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION:

1. Final Budget: Chairman Campbell said the board has to bring the capital budget down from \$80,000 to \$40,000. Director Hughes said the utility bills have been much more in 2013 than in 2012, so the utility budget for 2014 will be raised from \$62,000 to \$81,000. It was discussed that Administrator DeJoseph switched to a different utility company and maybe that is why bills have increased so much, also the Phoenix swim team is using more energy and there should be an increase for them this year. Commissioner O'Hara suggested maybe the club should purchase a programmable thermostat, insulated cover or solar cover. Director Hughes said that the Phoenix swim team purchased a solar cover which will be used this year.
2. The raise for Director Hughes is still on hold although Mayor Arnowitz seemed supportive of the raise.
3. Senior citizen pool membership will be raised by 2% this season.
4. Chairman Campbell asked if improvements could be kept under \$25,000 – he suggested only buying one generator or maybe none at all. Director Hughes said lifeguard seats and steps and the stands are critical items for purchase. She also stated that the landscaping budget can be cut down in price.
5. Addition: Chairman Campbell contacted architect Bill Martin to find out the status of the addition and the DCA. His response was to be patient and he will get back to Chairman Campbell.
6. Dome: Director Hughes has been getting prices. They range from \$35,000 for a blow up structure and \$250,000 for a permanent structure. Council Liaison Looes wanted to know if one of these domes could be seen. Commissioner O'Hara said water lines would have to be replaced if a dome is purchased so that they would not freeze in the cold weather. Vice Chairman Muller asked what is the realistic revenue from having a dome, and that Director Hughes get prices

from other venues. He will help Director Hughes with financial information. Many ideas were offered by the board on various activities that could be taken on with the addition of a dome.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. There is a declining membership at the pool. It was suggested by Vice Chairman Muller that the club have an open house and a Teaser Rate. The Teaser Rate was discussed and it was decided that they could offer \$100.00 off to new first time members for Hillsdale residents only. Director Hughes wants to have the Open House prior to Memorial Day. She said she could give out ice cream at the Open House but Vice Chairman Muller said there should be a barbecue as well.
2. Vice Chairman Muller mentioned a golf swim which would be between River Vale country club and Stonybrook swim club. River Vale would give Hillsdale residents a discount at the golf course and Hillsdale in return would give River Vale residents a discount at the pool. Different packages could be worked out. More has to be explored on this matter.
3. Handicapped Lifts. Director Hughes said she has a \$26,000 grant for these lifts. One lift has to be a permanent structure. She will put a bid package out for installation, etc.

Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner O'Hara

Second: Chairman Campbell

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Sarah Jeune
Minutes Secretary