

**HILLSDALE SWIMMING POOL COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING August 6, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Hillsdale Swimming Pool Commission was brought to order at 7:40 p.m. on Wednesday, August 6, 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, Rosemary Metz, Managing Director, Patty Hughes, Council Liaison, Chris Looes

**ABSENT:** Commissioners LeeAnn Everett and Jack O'Hara

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 9, 2014**

Minutes were approved with the exception of Topics for Presentation/Discussion #2. There should be a new heading of "Addition" with regard to the contract with MEP Company. Also after Motion and Second it should read " a vote was taken and all were in favor".

**MOTION TO APPROVE REGULAR MINUTES:**

**APPROVED:** Vice Chairman Muller

**SECOND:** Commissioner Metz

**TOPICS FOR PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION:**

1. **Main Pool Pump:** The pump which broke has been fixed for now. The pump is sucking in air and water and should be sucking in more water. The people who fixed the pump said it will not last next year and that Director Hughes should be getting prices for a new pump.
2. **Membership:** Membership is pretty much what it should be to this date for Hillsdale residents, but non-resident membership is definitely down. A letter will be sent to the Council Liaison, Chris Looes stating that the club is trying to be frugal and are working on some solutions. The Liaison will tell council and CFO that this is an unaudited number but is approximately in excess of \$100,000 under last year's number – revenue only.
3. **Expenses:** Director Hughes said that from the harsh winter this year repairs to the club were \$34,600.00. The air conditioner is also broken in her office and since it is a heating and cooling unit it will cost approximately \$900.00 to replace it. This unit is needed because in the winter all the equipment is left in the office and the heater is on at about 54 degrees all winter.

**Motion to buy new air conditioner:**

Chairman Campbell

**Second:**

Commissioner Metz

All were in favor except Vice-Chairman Muller who voted no.

4. **Refund Letters:** There were three refund letters. All were denied. Chairman Campbell said that in accordance with our refund policy and although we are sympathetic to them it is not our policy to refund after June 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Motion:**

Chairman Campbell

**Second:**

Commissioner Metz

5. **Report for Increasing Revenue:** Director Hughes gave a report for increasing revenue. She said that maybe the price of swimming lessons can be increased, and gave a list of things that she thought might bring in more money. Some of her suggestions were – Yoga night, corporate parties, Saturday morning programs, non-member guest night, Tuesdays and Thursdays – camps or physical therapy programs, offer sports associations 1-4 days swim a.m. or p.m. for a set fee. Vice Chairman Muller said that the club should be made more of a social club and not just a swim club and a discussion was held on how this might be done. Director Hughes asked Vice Chairman Muller to find out what he thinks people want socially. Chairman Campbell said there used to be catered events at the club and it was attended by about 150 people, but eventually it became less well attended and so it was stopped. Next month there will be a discussion of Director Hughes' report.
6. **Kiddie Pool:** Allstate, the company who fixed the Kiddie Pool wants money. The money is being held back until the punch list is completed by Ted from Wallover. In July the penalty was \$33,000.00. Director Hughes will ask Ted to write a letter with an assessment value of the punch list. She will also figure out how much the club has spent so far on fixing the damage that Allstate did while working on the Kiddie Pool.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

There was a discussion on how to get membership increased next year. Director Hughes and Commissioner Metz said they think that they should decrease the membership fees and offer potential members an incentive to join, e.g. free swim lessons and guest passes. Vice Chairman Muller disagreed. Chairman Campbell said that more studies have to be done on this and asked Vice Chairman Muller to look at the numbers.

Director Hughes said she thought maybe she could put registration on line in February so that people would have a longer time to pay off their membership fees and that might be an incentive for people to join. Chairman Campbell said a mailing should be done this year to everyone who has been a member going back to 2012. He thinks people respond better to a mailing than an e-mail.

There was also a discussion about making the refund date earlier than June 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Vice Chairman Muller said there have been e-mails from residents – one parent dropped her children off at the pool camp and then left. She was told that she could not drop underage children off and leave them unattended. She was told that it was pool procedure that underage children must have an adult present at the pool. There was also an e-mail about the measuring procedures for the slide. The kids are measured at the slide first and if a parent complains they are also measured at the front door to make sure they measure 48 inches. Vice Chairman Muller said it is a liability for having 2 places to measure the children.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Chairman Campbell

**Second:** Vice Chairman Muller

**Meeting closed** at 9:11 p.m.

A brief Executive session was held after the meeting ended.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Jeune  
Minutes Secretary