

**HILLSDALE SWIMMING POOL
COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
December 7, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Hillsdale Swimming Pool Commission was brought to order at 7:33 p.m. on Monday December 7, 2015. 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

Roll Call:

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

ABSENT: None

Guests: Don Wagner, Bo Petkovich, Kathy Sampath

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes

Motion: Commissioner Metz Second: Commissioner Everett

No correspondences

Dome:

Chairperson Campbell reviewed the discussion that was had at an earlier meeting with Bob Benecke, Rosemary Metz, Bob Benecke, Anthony DeRosa, Patty Hughes and Don Wagner.

Jay feels that they must come to a financial conclusion tonight in regards to doming the pool. Jay reported that Bob Benecke put together an RFP that can be used now that is not binding. In reviewing his RFP several questions came up and some adjustments were made.

Our choices are that the vendor puts up the dome and operates it. We would not operate it as it increases our liability so in this scenario the vendor is responsible. The vendor would build the dome, be responsible for the utilities (heat, pipes, gas etc). We could put up the dome and run it ourselves with vendor input or we could put up the dome and then let a vendor run it. The question is how do we want to go? Don Wagner came up with a proposal based on us putting up the dome and him running it. Bob Benecke came up with a scenario that the vendor puts up the dome and runs it under a 5 year contract. After the 5 years there could be a clause that we could have a "break-up" fee and then we would release the vendor and we own the dome. This seems to be the best scenario.

Paul Muller asked where Woodcliff Lake is with doming their pool? He said he knew that the current mayor was not for it but he was not sure about the incoming mayor.

Some key points that Bob Benecke came up with and will add to the RFP is a requirement of a letter of credit. He will add that the minimum will be \$50,000.00 or 10% whichever is greater. It will also be added in the RFP that there will be public sessions.

Motion:

Motion to release an RFQ & Solicitation of interest for the possibility of building an enclosure and have an outside entity pay for it and run based up the RPQ from Bob Benecke.

Motion: Chairman Campbell
Second: Commissioner Metz
All agreed and the motion was carried

Once the RFQ is updated, Jay will send it out to the commission and then it will be advertised.

2. Membership Fees:

Patty gave the suggestion that we lower the rates. Even though we have not raised them in 2014-2015 – this is the main complaint from current and past members. Commissioner Metz agreed that all you hear from people are that the rates are too high.

Patty suggests that before 5/5/16 there be a 10% reduction for non-residents and a 5% reduction for residents.

The discussion is that that is too much of a reduction for residents and that a 3% reduction is better as resident rates have not gone up as much as the non-residents.

MOTION:

Motion to reduce the non-resident rate by 10% and to reduce the resident rate by 3%.

Motion: Chairman Campbell

Second: Commissioner Everett

Nays: Commissioner Metz and Commissioner Muller

Motion carries for the reduction.

Patty also suggests that they lower the cost of the guest passes. But lower the cost for the adults not the kids. She will compile a cost that she feels will work and report back at the next meeting.

3. Salary

Patty reported on the salaries for the lifeguards. She feels that we need to increase the rate per hour for the guards. Its hard to keep guards at the current rate when they can go elsewhere and get a job for more. It makes it hard to get guards to work.

MOTION:

Motion to increase the minimum rate per hour of a lifeguard at year 1 to \$7.50 and gate employees to \$7.25 and then adjust the rest based on the year one rate changes.

Motion: Chairman Campbell

Second: Paul Muller

All were in favor and the motion is passed.

4. Budget

Patty feels that based on the budget, the low amount of people that came and the lack of available lifeguards that the pool does not stay open in September. Town Day will be moved to June to accommodate this change.

As far as the numbers, Patty will make some adjustments to the budget and will resend out to the board.

5. Snack Bar

At the last meeting it was suggested that Patty come up with a business plan to have the snack bar run in house. After speaking with outside vendors and the lack of money that this may not be the best time to have the snack bar run in house. With that said, the bid package will go out for bid. Patty has come up with a new sample menu that will be included in the bid packet.

Liaison to the Mayor and Council:

Nothing else to add

Meeting Opened to the Public: 9:00 pm

Bo Petkovich wanted to comment on the dome. He feels that we should do everything in regards to the dome. We should build it and run it so we have total control. He just wants to make sure that the board considers this. Chairman Campbell said that we could add in the RFP that they submit the potential vendor submits their background.

Kathy Sampath a member of the pool and non-resident said she was very happy to hear that they will be lowering the rates for non-residents.

CLOSED SESSION:

None

Motion to Adjourn: Chairperson Campbell **Second:** Commissioner Muller

Meeting closed at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Kohan

Minutes Secretary