

**The Regular Meeting of Hillsdale Swimming Pool Commission**  
**Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 7:30pm**  
**Hosted Virtually**

CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRWOMAN @ 7:37pm

ROLL CALL: Chairwoman Roe Metz, Linda Parisi, Dan Sullivan, Roseann Heytink,  
Council Liaison Abby Lundy, Mayor John Ruocco

Late Arrival: Lisa Spadafino (8:17pm)

Furloughed: Managing Director Patty Hughes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 2020

Motion: Ro

Seconded: Linda

All in favor: Yes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None at this time.

REPORT OF LIAISON TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Budget status

- a. Abby, Roe, & Lisa met with Patty and Chris about Patty coming back January 1st. Trying to reduce the budget as much as possible. It is a work in progress. We have to cut as much as possible in order to break even. It's been noted that there is more to be done. With regard to the budget, we were looking at things that do not bring in money. It is critical for us to not lose any money this year.
- b. Discussion of charging a minimal fee for extra activities. We do not want to take anything away, but we need to proceed responsibly.

2. Programs

- a. Kids Korner
- b. Swim & Dive Team
- c. Pike Academy
- d. Swim Lessons
- e. Swim Camps
- f. Music Nights, Theme Nights, Movie Nights, etc

3. Rates

- a. Discussion occurred pertaining to additional cleaning fees and how it should be presented to the members.
4. Survey results
    - a. Linda and Roseann met and went through the comments. Some common themes speaks of cleaning the bathrooms more frequently, There are suggestions for the snackbar to have an app to order and then have it delivered to the designated area. Many people felt we did not need to close the pool, being in other swim clubs they were able to clean and it did not take that long. 30 minutes is unnecessary. The playground should be opened because of current regulations for school playgrounds to be open. Opening earlier and closing later to stagger hours. It was suggested that children be organized by age to sign up for kids kornet.
    - b. Many wanted the swim team in tact.
    - c. They wanted basketball open.
    - d. Some asked for designated senior areas.
    - e. Several comments wanted Patty back as manager.
    - f. Survey to MS and HS students for what the children look for when joining with their families.
  5. Bids – changes for spring/summer and fall rental, Pike
  6. Landscaping
    - a. We need a landscaper for next year. The cost of the town is too costly for us at this time.
    - b. We cannot go over \$6,000 for the season. April-September/October.
  7. Status of the Pool – closed for Winter
  8. Updates on pricing for raising funds
    - a. Dan looked into the fundraising cards and banners.
    - b. Linda will draft a letter to send out.
      - i. Demographics - families with children under 11 are a large portion of our members. These families may be more inclined to purchase a discount card.
      - ii. For the banners, we would look to the companies and local businesses for advertising space at the club.
      - iii. A list of town businesses will be generated in order to follow through on this opportunity to raise funds for the club.
      - iv. There is a tentative group of businesses creating a chamber of commerce for the borough. This could be a good starting point for us to create a discount card and offer advertisement space at the club with the purchase of a banner.
      - v. We are trying to decide how much to charge per banner and how much funds we need to raise.

9. Snack Bar

- a. We have not heard from and the administrator has not heard back from him. We are hoping since he is still under contract that we would not need to go out to bid this year.

10. Next Steps for the Club

REMARKS FROM CITIZENS

None at this time.

CLOSING OF MEETING:

Motion to adjourn: Roseann

Seconded by: Linda

Meeting adjourned @ 9:03pm

**The following meeting of the Hillsdale Swimming Pool Commission will be held on Wednesday January 6, 2020 followed by January 13, 2020 @ 7:30pm location TBD.**

**Respectfully Submitted by,  
Erica Rose Cohen  
Hillsdale Swimming Pool Commission Secretary**