

**Hillsdale Swimming Pool Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**June 10, 2020**

Call to Order by Chairman Roe Metz @ 7:34pm

**Roll Call:** Managing Director Patty Hughes, Chairman Roe Metz, Linda Parisi, John Inserra, Dan Sullivan, Roseann Heytink, Liaison Councilwoman Abby Lundy

**Absent:**

**Late Arrival:**

**Early Departure:**

**Council Members:** Mayor John Ruocco

**Approval of Minutes - May 11, 2020**

Motion: Roseann

Seconded: Linda

**Correspondence:**

None at this time.

**Topics Discussion:**

Closing for the season.

Managing director Hughes mentioned that the club has been secured by managing director Hughes. All equipment has been moved into the office space to be safely tucked away. The DPW put barricades and cones in front to deter people from driving into the facility. It looks ready for the closure.

John said he's been driving past the club each day. There is weeds and grass overgrown. Hope it is maintained while we are away for the season.

Patty shared that the contract with the landscaper is maintained to maintain the grounds.

John shared his hope for the mayor and council will check on the club periodically and maintained properly.

Abby stated that the council will fire department hose off covers, spray for mosquitoes, and other upkeep will be routine.

Patty mentioned that the geese like dirty water, there may need to be a sump pump to hose the water down.

Roe is wondering how the commission will be informed during Patty's absence. The borough administrator will be informed and keep the commission up to date.

Bids for next year - Roe would like to know how those bids will be maintained or sent out for next years contracts.

Abby requested Patty give a list of bids and other information to the borough administrator to be sure the processes are followed. She mentioned that the borough administrator was open to bringing her back as needed if the need for Stonybrook arises.

A question of the landscaping contract not being renewed needs to be followed up on. Linda clarified that we were looking into a new landscaper, but we did not opt out from the borough. Abby mentioned it went out to bid and did not include stonybrook. This issue will be clarified later on.

**Remarks from Citizens:**

Megan Garan - Hillsdale Resident. I am happy to hear about the upcoming season for next year. I love stonybrook and my daughter swims since she was 5 years old and loves it. It is really discouraging that you have made the decision so early to close the pool. I understand there are financial issues and stipulations by governor. I certainly would not want to see Stonybrook go by the wayside. I notice that my daughter rides her bike by stonybrook. It's a mess. Glass bottles and garbage everywhere. Is there going to be anything done to potentially deter some of the older youngsters from going in there.

Roe - We have barricades put up. It is no guarantee

Patty- DPW super will be by to maintain and check over the club and that the lot is attended to.

Linda - Are the police patrolling?

Abby - Yes. They are patrolling.

Megan - Adjacent towns are still opening their pools. How od you think it will affect stoybrooks future?

Roe - We cannot predict what will happened. We are hoping they will be back next year in full force.

Megan - Interest in a way for the club to open since there is 2 weeks before we can open soon. You could start getting it ready if there's a large interest.

Roe - Unfortunately the decision has been made by the borough at this time.

John - It would be financially irresponsible.

Abby - The capacity limits, cleaning, fees, staggering of times would not sustain the expenses. You'll see how some of the towns opening Typically 4,000 in a season who join, half capacity is 900. Shoes all over the place, maintain 6 feet in the pool, and

Patty - I am on the NJPMA and we meet monthly. Many clubs have been saying they will open, but have to get creative. Reservation in advance for 2 hour time slots and then closed until the next group. Closing off other stalls, taking phone numbers, taking temperatures. Now that all the details are coming out, some are scared about opening and many others will close. Many will take a loss this summer. Over the next 2 weeks we will see who is really able to open. It is also a liability for the staff. We would need PPE. That expense alone is in the thousands of dollars range to keep everything clean and everyone safe.

Megan - Thank you.

Linda- Lifeguard training is virtual now, but it is a hands on job. How safe would it be if they are not well trained in an emergency situation. We are also talking about safety outside of COVID-19, but pool safety as well. We take pride in our safety as well. It is a lot of training that would not be up to par with our standards.

Patty - We do drills almost everyday and we are unsure how it would work out to keep the guards safe.

John - we looked at this every which way to open and there was no positive way.

Megan - I appreciate your explaining everything so well.

**Motion to adjourn:**

**Motion: John**

**Seconded: Linda**

**All in favor: Aye**

**Meeting end: 8:04pm**

**The following meeting of the Hillsdale Swimming Pool Commission will be held on  
Wednesday July 8, 2020 @ 7:30pm location TBD.**

**Respectfully Submitted by,**

**Erica Rose Cohen**

**Hillsdale Swimming Pool Commission Secretary**