

July 21, 2021

Mr. Kranz opened the meeting at 7:10 PM with the reading of the Open Public Meeting Law.

Roll call: Present: Mrs. Dinger; Mr. Kranz; Mrs. Kleiber; Mr. Klein; Mr. Rudawski; Mr. Grimm

Absent: Mr. Poandl; Ms. Benson

Mr. Rudawski made a motion to approve the old business minutes from June 16, 2021. It was seconded by Mr. Klein and carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Mr. Kranz, Mr. Klein, Mr. Rudawski, Mr. Poandl, Mrs. Dinger, and Mrs. Kleiber. Nos: None. Abstained: None.

The financial were emailed to each member.

A bounce check for the first session of lessons on June 19, 2021, was sent as part of the financial. There was a question if this check was followed up on. If payment was not received, the family can be flagged in the system for the next time the family wants to sign up for lessons.

Old Business:

Mr. Kranz has not been able to meet with Marsha to check on the pool insurance.

Mr. Kranz reported that there are 826 memberships, 417 are from Middlesex and 408 are from out of town. There are 472 senior memberships with 230 from Middlesex and 243 from out of town. There are 1337 people registered for membership. They have collected \$294,980.00.

Mr. Kranz would like to get a Point-of-Sale Tablet for the snack bar. This table would have buttons for the food items sold and the price per items. It would add up the cost of each sale and take credit cards. The Point-of-Sale Tablet would also help with keeping track of inventory. Using the Point-of-Sale table will make it easier for the snack bar workers to total up a sale. The credit card feature will encourage people to buy more. The Point-of-Sale Tablet will be a backup system to do inventory, but inventory is not the main concern. It will help to eliminate the pressure for the snack bar works when they have long lines.

Mr. Grimm said that he likes to call in advance to Somerset Syrup to let them know what he needs. He reported that you don't really know what will be in demand that week. Mr. Grimm reported that the snack bar can't make food fast enough. Patrons are ordering whole pizza pies and not by the slice.

Mr. Grimm reported that the snack bar has a cash register that is old.

Mr. Kranz asked that Mr. Rudawski to investigate a Point-of-Sale Tablet for the snack bar.

Publicity:

Mrs. Kleiber reported that Mrs. Benson comes to the pool and has observed that people are relieved to be out of their homes. People are excited to be at the pool. Mrs. Benson reported that the slide is excellent, and the lifeguards are excellent. Mrs. Benson sees many new faces at the pool. There was a Facebook Congratulations to the Middlesex High School graduates from the Pool. The flier for the 4th of July pool activity was posted all over town and Facebook.

There was a suggestion from the public to improve the entryway to the pool and plant plants in the dirt on either side of the entrance to the pool.

Mr. Kranz reported that it will be difficult for anything to grow in that location.

People on Facebook were asking for day passes. The pool will not be doing daily pool passes.

Mr. Klein said that the guest passes will need to be explained better in the Middlesex Pool pamphlet.

Aqua Zumba was publicized all over and on Piscataway TV. Some people are confused as to whether the session is \$35.00 or if each class is \$35.00. Fliers may need to have session numbers on the fliers.

Adult night did not happen this year. We need to have people see this as more than just a pool by offering different activities.

Can there be fall events at the pool?

Mr. Grimm said that after Labor Day the pool is closed.

Mr. Rudawski noted that all the membership can now be contacted during the year through email.

Mr. Kranz reported that the membership list will be pared down because there are too many members on the list that are not active.

The pool Secretary can create a list of people by zip code.

Mr. Kranz said that we have membership from all the surrounding towns.

Mr. Klein said that our membership is about 50% in town and 50% out of town.

A Memorial Day Plunge was suggested that there be a Memorial Day Plunge for a fee. This could occur after the Open House that happens between 9 am and 12 pm on Memorial Day.

A survey of the membership was suggested to see what the people enjoyed this summer and any suggestions.

An article can be written for the Our Town newspaper about the Summertime Summary regarding the pool.

An app called Squad Locker is where people can purchase pool apparel, key chains, etc. The pool would receive a profit from the sale of the items.

Local realtors have been helpful in promoting the pool.

Mr. Kranz said a letter will be sent to thank the realtors for promoting the community pool.

Mrs. Kleiber said that people who refer other to the pool can get a "gift" for their referral.

Mr. Grimm suggested giving a \$25.00 off their membership for the person who made the referral to the pool when the referred people join the pool.

Swimming Pumpkins was suggested for the Fall.

Mr. Grimm noted that the pool was being prepared to be shut down on Labor Day weekend.

Mr. Kranz gave the membership summary sheet to Mrs. Kleiber.

Liaison

Mr. Grimm had nothing to add to the Liaison topic.

New Business:

Mr. Kranz reported that a resident of Emma Place had a parking complaint.

Mr. Grimm reported that he is dealing with parking and the town complaint. The Pool is doing nothing wrong. The streets are public property and if people are parking legally on the street, then there is no issue. If people are concerned, they need to call the police.

Mr. Kranz reported that there was a noise complaint from a New Street resident because of the Aqua Zumba classes.

Mr. Rudawski discussed the upcoming swim team events. Friday, July 29, 2021, will be the first day of B League Championships. B League Championships will involve 10 teams. There are no qualifying times for this event.

Championships Information:

Friday, July 29, 2021, events are for 13–18-year-old swimmers. Gates will open at 4:00 pm
Saturday, July 30, 2021, events are for 8 and under to 12-year-old. Gates will open at 6:00 am. Warm-ups begin at 6:15 am

There will be food trucks for the event.

The Next event is August 3, and 4 is NJSD Conferences. This is an event where swimmers need qualifying time to participate. There are 30 teams invited to Conferences, but only selected swimmers are eligible to participate.

Conference Dates:

Tuesday, August 3, 2021, is for 8–12-year-old swimmers. Gates open at 6:40 am. Warmups begin at 7:00 am.

Wednesday, August 4, 2021, is for 13–18-year-old swimmers. Gates open at 6:40 am. Warmups begin at 7:00 am.

Finals will be held the evening of Wednesday August 4, 2021. Gates will open at 4:00 pm and warmups begin at 5:00 pm.

Colored wrist bands have been purchased in 4 different colors.

Closing the pool was suggested for Friday July 30th and August 4th.

Mr. Grimm did not see the need to announce that the pool is closing. People will tend to leave on their own. An email blast can be created to announce what will be happening on the pool grounds.

Mr. Rudawski said Frog Hollow may want to have the Swimming Conferences back the following year.

Mr. Grimm reported that on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, the lap pool will be closed that day. The lane lines will be put in that day and not removed between the morning and afternoon swimming competitions.

Mr. Rudawski was concerned that there may not be enough volunteers as timers and other positions for the Conferences.

Mr. Kranz asked if other teams could provide timers to help?

Mr. Grimm reported that he will have staff members available to help on those days. The Font Desk Staff will be available.

Mr. Rudawski said that the following year the Swim team will do one or the other end of the year competition. He reported that it would be nice to raise \$16,000.00 for both events. Kona Ice, a food truck, will be giving money back to the pool from their profits.

Mr. Rudawski said they could give awards based on the top 6 swimmers in each event and not run the Finals in the evening if there are not enough people to staff the event.

Mr. Kranz said that the other teams may need to supply people to help, and Mr. Grimm can have some pool staff to help with staffing the Finals. Mr. Kranz suggested holding the Finals and have the experience this year so you will know what to expect for the following year.

Mr. Grimm said there will not be swim lessons the mornings of Conferences. Mrs. Dinger suggested moving the two classes to the following week.

Mrs. Dinger's neighbor asked if there could be more shade provided at the pool grounds.

Mr. Grimm said he can investigate more devices to provide shade. Four trees were planted on the grounds this year. The maple tree on the side of the pool grounds near the school will be taken down since it has much damage. The canopy to the umbrella cost \$4000.00 to replace. The canopy causes the ground under the canopy to be too moist.

Mr. Krans reported that a patron of 20 years mentioned that it is difficult to identify the pool staff and that they need a uniformed shirt.

Mr. Grimm said that the shirt order was placed, and he is still waiting for the shirt order to come in.

Mr. Grimm:

Mr. Grimm said on September 1, 2, and 3 the pool will open at 4:00 pm because the schools will be in session. There will need to be a manager at the pool when it opens.

Mr. Grimm reported that attendance is up. The patrons have been respectful. The pool needs a break but there is no break in site.

Mr. Grimm had to make a repair to the Kiddie pool.

The synchro show is next Wednesday, July 28, 2021.

The snack bar roof has a leak that needs to be repaired.

Mr. Grimm has not reached out to any companies to get an estimate to resurface the slide.

There have been no major issues and complaints this year.

He reported that he should have enough staff to get the pool through the end of the year.

Public Comment:

None

Mr. Rudawski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm. It was seconded by Mrs. Dinger all were in favor. Next meeting will be held at the Middlesex Community Pool at 7:00 pm on August 18, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted

By: Secretary, Katie Young