

May 20, 2020

Mr. Kranz opened the meeting at 7:05 PM with the reading of the Open Public Meeting Law.

Roll Call:

Present: Mr. Kranz, Mr. Klein, Mr. Poandl, Mr. Terracciano, Mr. Rudawski, Mrs. Dinger, Mrs. Erickson

Absent: Mr. Carr

Mr. Terracciano made a motion to accept the February 19, 2020 minutes. It was seconded by Mr. Rudawski and carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Mrs. Dinger, Mr. Klein, Mrs. Erickson, Mr. Poandl, and Mr. Kranz. Nos: None. Abstained: None.

Old Business:

None

Publicity:

Mrs. Erickson had made a flyer for students, but none were handed out. She will put something on Facebook based on the Governor's anticipated announcement expected on May 21, 2020.

Mr. Grimm has signs ready if the pool will open.

Mr. Terracciano suggested having a Nixle announcement put out if the pool will open.

Mr. Rudawski let everyone know that Somerset County will not be opening their pools this summer.

Mr. Kranz said that the committee needs to develop a plan of action. Middlesex County said that all pools need to be opened and ready.

Mr. Grimm has uncovered the pool.

Mr. Kranz said that they need to develop a plan of action tonight in case the Governor says they can open.

Mrs. Erickson will make the announcement to the public. If they can open at 50% capacity, that will mean 600 people can come to the pool.

The announcement of the opening of the pool can be made on:

1. The Town Website
2. The Facebook page
3. The Friends of Middlesex page
4. The Superintendent of Middlesex Schools can be asked to include information in the E-Blast sent from the district.
5. The Nixle system is also an option

Mr. Kranz will give Mrs. Erickson the bullet points to include in her news article. Our Town is the local paper to put the announcement in.

Katie Young will put information on Facebook and the Town Website.

Financials:

The financials were not available on paper for this meeting.

Mr. Grimm will get an electronic copy from the town and share with all the members.

There is \$30,000.00 in the checking account and \$200,000.00 in the surplus account. The \$2000.00 bill for chlorine and the \$1000.00 for the electric bill has been paid.

The bond payment and operating expense is \$100,000.00 per season. There will be no deferment of the Bond payment.

Liaison:

Nothing

New Business:

Mr. Grimm said the Electrical and Health Inspections need to be done before the pool opens.

Mr. Krans said they should open the pool when the pool would have opened full time.

Mr. Rudawski suggested that the pool have a smaller opening before they open continuously.

Mr. Rudawski said they may need to hire more staff to handle the cleaning.

Mr. Grimm said there were options to opening:

The pool could open for about 4 hours and then close for quick cleaning and then reopen.

Allow the pool to open for 8 hours and then have a time set for cleaning about 4:00 pm.

Mr. Krans commented that he thought it was better to have the pool open 4 hours and then close to clean.

Mr. Klein suggested that the cleaning can be completed while the patrons were still in the pool area.

Mr. Grimm mentioned that the snack bar is another area that will need a plan.

Mr. Grimm mentioned that he was thinking about keeping the slide closed this summer or enforce social distancing at the bottom of the steps and along the steps.

Mr. Krans said they could open the pool from 12-8 and then close the bathrooms for 30 minutes for cleaning and close the snack bar area for cleaning.

There was discussion as to whether all areas should be shut down and cleaned for 30 minutes.

The pool handrails should be cleaned by the guards with spray bottles containing a cleaning solution.

The snack bar can have bottles available to clean the snack bar tables.

The anticipated announcement from the Governor may list the cleaning products that will be needed.

Snack Bar workers will need to wear masks.

Mr. Krans said to have an 8-hour day with a midway clean-up of the building areas of the pool. Patrons can stay at the pool during this period of cleaning.

There will be a dry run of the new cleaning procedures on June 13 and 14, 2020. The pool will be open from 12 pm - 8 pm on that day if the pool is permitted to open.

June 20th will be the first full day of the season.

Mr. Terracciano suggested a release letter for the patrons to sign.

Mr. Grimm reported that the Middlesex Recreation and others have releases signed by the participants. Families who sign a release can have a note added on their computer file.

The pool will purchase a thermometer to take temperatures. Mr. Grimm will purchase PPE. The front desk and snack bar workers will need to wear masks. Patrons entering the bathrooms will need to wear masks. In the snack bar there will be spacing at the ordering window. Mr. Grimm said the snack bar tables can be spread out and birthday parties will be eliminated for this year.

Mr. Grimm suggested limiting the number of guests that can enter with a patron. Mr. Terracciano was not in favor of that.

Mr. Grimm asked the group, "At what point do we say the year is over and refund the money?" It was suggested to start the year and if we need to close, a percent of the money can be refunded.

Mr. Rudawski suggested that the pool remain open into September.

Mr. Grimm said that it gets dark early by then and he would not have enough staff for the pool at that point.

Mr. Krans said that they will need to "play it by ear" as there are many decisions and changes, they may need to make.

Mr. Grimm asked about how to enforce social distancing in the kiddie pool?

Mr. Grimm said there would not be swimming lessons this summer and no synchro swimming. The swim team is up in the air.

Mr. Rudawski said that maybe the swim team can be together and compete against themselves. Many pools in the area are closed. Middlesex pool may get more memberships from these other people.

SVY is still doing the Long Course this summer and is interested in Short Course. Swim teams in Somerset County are looking for pools to swim in.

Mr. Grimm does not know the rental fees for Short Course and Mr. Rudawski said he would ask someone at Rutgers regarding what the approximate fee should be.

Mr. Klein asked if more than one club would be using the pool and Mr. Grimm responded that he would rather stay with SVY and not bring another club in.

Mr. Klein asked if they could hold clubs in the mornings since they are not having lessons this season. There was a discussion regarding renting different parts of the pool at various times for different clubs.

People were looking for pool membership forms since the library and town hall were closed.

Mr. Kranz said that Katie Young can put a PDF on the Facebook page. Mr. Grimm will look for places in town to put pool applications.

The 2020 pool application will be on the Pool Commission page, the Borough Page and the Facebook page.

Building and Grounds:

None

Mr. Grimm:

The three fish on the pole in the Kiddie Pool are not up yet. He needs epoxy that can mix under water and he needs rods to go in deeper to hold the structure. The Middlesex Road Department workers will help him erect the pole.

Mr. Grimm reported that he may have to drain the large pool. He is having difficulty with the valve in the pump house. A new valve may be needed, and Pumping Services will be working on that.

Mr. Grimm reported that the boiler relief valve has issues.

He also said that the staff has been notified of being selected for the 2020 year.

Public Comment:

None.

Mr. Kranz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm. It was seconded by Mr. Terraciano and all were in favor. Next meeting will be held at the Middlesex Community Pool June 17, 2020.

Mr. Terraciano suggested an emergency meeting be scheduled for the next week based on the Governor's announcement.

Katie Young will put out an announcement for an emergency meeting for May 28th at 7:00 at the pool.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie (Bird) Young, Secretary