

May Pool Board Meeting
May 13, 2020

In attendance via Zoom meeting: Dan Hirsh, Terry Irving, Melissa Perilstein, Nick Zaneto, Jenn Azzara, Danielle Scala, Jon Miller, Carla Cole, Becky, Danielle McMahon, Elvia Hajjar, John Butler, Monica Tramontin, Jeremy Campbell.

Reports:

Sunshine Law read and reviewed April minutes, approved by Danielle. Painting was completed and water fountain repair is ongoing. Jeremy was approved by council for snack bar. Governor has extended executive order through Friday, June 5th. Reached out to the health department and Metuchen's Board of Health. Dan summarized, pool could open under regulations per Dr. Popeck. Dr. Freis expressed concern over the pool opening. The county stated we would need an inspection to open, which are not occurring at this time due to Covid. All waiting on trickle down information from the Governor. By first week of June is when the final determination will be made regarding the 2020 season.

New Business/Pool Management/Snack Bar:

Ideas pool board suggested for opening the pool included using daily passes, but may negatively impact future seasons and memberships. Becky reviewed money coming in, would not be able to manage the upkeep of the pool from those daily memberships alone. Melissa suggested the pool needs the membership to be upfront. Have surplus to cover a non-open this year. The 30k indicated in the budget notes is an estimate to manage the integrity of the pool. Nick feels there could be fewer staff with fewer patrons, minimizing costs. Logistic concerns with collecting daily memberships. Upon further review of the budget, Danielle estimated cost of roughly \$4000-\$600 a day to be open, concern about recouping costs. Danielle also suggested offering some stipend to pool staff, will revisit at next meeting. Jonathan spoke to Jeremy regarding snack bar and Jeremy expressed financial concern if the pool does open. Board wants to reach out for public opinion on opening of pool. Would like to send an email blast to last year's members/post on Facebook to get public opinion regarding opening/interest of joining. Monica from swim team says league is in holding pattern, expressed concern about opening memberships then limiting amount of people coming in, could be public relations nightmare.

Reviewed a real image of Metuchen Pool, engineer suggested changing directions of lanes for diving blocks, zero depth entry, climbing wall, etc. Also suggested being open to fresh ideas/suggestions for the pool. Will revisit after further meetings with the engineers.

Danielle explored drive in movie theaters, but very expensive at \$3000. Danielle will cancel dj's for preteen/teen dances, leaving on the calendar for family fun days. Jonathan opened up to public, Marilyn Stewart joined, expressed interest in joining the pool. She suggested could be profitable with so many people not commuting and working from home, but also expressed concern with ability for children to socially distance. Will explore the latest date we could have the pool filled by Aquatics.

Motion to adjourn by Terry, seconded by Carla.

Scheduled follow up meeting for May 27th as status check at 7pm on Zoom, followed by June 5th at 5pm on Zoom for final meeting, if necessary, regarding opening status of pool.