

Bernards Township Pool Commission
Minutes – July 22, 2019 – 7:00 PM
Municipal Building, 1 Collyer Lane, Basking Ridge, NJ
APPROVED, September 23, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Moschello called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act of 1975.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Commission saluted the flag and the roll was called.

3. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Widette Fox	Ted Renz	Rich Moschello
John Salaki, Jr.	Joanne Wachenfeld (arrived 7:27p.m.)	

Members Absent:

Carol Bianchi	Andy Provence	Bernadette Reilly
Craig Wilson		

Non-Members Present:

Jennifer Gander, Director
John Biondi, Pool Manager
Sean O'Grady, Asst. Director
Deirdre Vogel, Recording Secretary
Debra Smith, Gristmill Drive, Basking Ridge Resident

4. MINUTES

A. April 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Motion made by John Salaki to accept April 22, 2019 minutes. Motion was seconded by Widette Fox. All in favor; motion passed.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

A. None

6. REPORTS

A. Membership & Gate Reports – Jen Gander

I. Jen Gander updated the Pool Commission regarding memberships sold and revenue to date. Prorated membership sales will begin Wednesday, July 24. Jen also reviewed the Visit Report & Guest Tracking Report.

B. Facility Operations Update – Jen Gander

- I. Only update from last meeting, the medium diving board needs a repair to its ladder.

C. Staff & Training Update – Sean O’Grady

- I. Continuing to hire for lifeguard positions as college students will begin to leave in a few weeks. Lifeguard supervisors have been running in-service training in first aide, AED use & saving protocol. Future training will include victim recognition & backboard usage.

D. Managers Update – John Biondi

- I. All is going well. Maintenance crew is doing an outstanding job and water reports from the state have been excellent.

E. Swim Lessons – Sean O’Grady

- I. Third session is underway with 41 enrolled. Weather has been favorable.

F. Swim Team – Widette Fox

- I. Swim team is going great with an undefeated season thus far. Bagel party in lieu of the rained out pep rally was a success.

G. Activities & Events – Jen Gander

- I. Float night went great and Grandparents Day was a great success. Our final event, Membership Appreciation Day will be in August.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. None

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. 2019 Membership Survey – Survey will go out to members in August. Craig Wilson volunteered at the last meeting to review and refine survey questions. Rich Moschello asked members to review the survey again and submit any suggestions or additional questions to Jen Gander as soon as possible.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Debra Smith was not aware of swim lessons being offered at the pool but thought that was a great idea. Debra noted that the lifeguards are doing a better job at keeping the young swimmers out of the pool during adult swim time although she has noticed the lifeguards at the baby pool and water park areas chatting with other lifeguards at the fence and not focusing on swim areas.

10. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS

- A. Rich Moschello mentioned his appreciation of the Membership and Revenue report which indicates that 1/3 of the members are non-residents. Rich introduced the idea of a reduced rate for non-resident members returning for multi-years. John Salaki agreed with the idea of a loyalty reward but not necessarily the reduced rate. Jennifer suggested more data should be collected and thought a question could be added to the Membership Survey to determine if respondent is a resident or non-resident in order to review feedback on fees for each group.
- B. John Salaki gave kudos to Andrew for the excellent job he did cleaning the baby pool soft surface. John also noted the great ideas of the “cooling station” and the “stay hydrated” announcements. John was concerned with a large piece of concrete in the lawn which Jen said she will have the grounds crew attend to. Shower faucets need maintenance as they do not properly turn off all the way. John also had a concern regarding the trees being evaluated and trimmed as necessary and a couple of trees by the snack bar which may need to come down. John inquired as to the status of the shade structure which Jen Gander responded that the shade had arrived and are awaiting installation.
- C. Widette Fox asked that the gutter on the snack bar be checked and cleaned if not already done.
- D. Joanne Wachenfeld reiterated earlier comments on the swim team’s undefeated status. Joanne also mentioned the diving board was broken and Jen Gander indicated that it will be repaired very soon.
- E. John Biondi shared a conversation he’d had with a 10-year old who made a request that Dyson Hand Dryers be installed in bathrooms.

11. MOTION TO ADJOURN

- A. Motion to adjourn was made by John Salaki and seconded by Theodore Renz. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Deirdre Vogel
Recording Secretary