

Bernards Township Pool Commission Minutes
March 1, 2021 – 7:00 PM
Municipal Building, 1 Collyer Lane, Basking Ridge, NJ
Approved, April 26, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER – Jennifer Gander called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Agnes Doucette, Widette Fox, John Salaki, Jr., Deborah Smith,
Craig Wilson

Members Absent: James Baldassare, Jr., Michael Luzzi

Non-members Present:
Jennifer Gander, Director
Sean O’Grady, Assistant Director
Kelly Kellaway, Pool Secretary

4. RE-ORGANIZATION
 - A. Nominations for 2021 Chairperson—C. Wilson nominated J. Salaki for Chairperson; seconded by A. Doucette. All in favor; motion passed.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. Motion to approve the 10-26- 20 Pool Commission Meeting Minutes was made by A. Doucette and seconded by C. Wilson. All in favor; motion passed.
6. CORRESPONDENCE
 - A. Greater Somerset County Swim Team (YMCA) Request to USE PVP—The Pool Commission discussed; suggested the YMCA their request with additional information pertaining to COVID procedures to review further at the April 2021 meeting.
7. REPORTS
 - A. COVID Guidelines and Facility Operation— J. Gander reported that the State of NJ Department of Health has not updated the operating standards from last year. We may be able to open the baby pool, splash and water play areas with a limited capacity, and this may require additional staff for enforcement. We will operate as permitted by the State.

Motion was made by C. Wilson to work with J. Gander to assist in writing correspondence to the membership. Motion was second by A. Doucette. All were in favor, motion passed.

B. OFF Season Maintenance Projects —J. Gander reported that the soft surfacing project is in-progress, staff will begin scraping up the old surface. Gander is working with vendor to deliver materials and train staff.

C. Staffing Update—S. O’Grady reported that prior season employees have been sent invitations to reapply for 2021. Job Descriptions are posted for new candidates on www.bernards.org and hard copy applications are on the wall at the Recreation Office. We will need to hire on assistant pool manager and we have already received new applications for lifeguards, maintenance and customer relations positions.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT—None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of By-Laws for 2021—Motion made by W. Fox to approve the by-laws for 2021; seconded by A. Doucette. All in favor; motion passed.

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Membership Payment Start Date—Membership payments will be accepted as planned beginning on March 1, 2021

B. Future Revenues and Operating Expenses—Motion was made by C. Wilson to state that the Pool Commission is concerned about the sustainability of the current operation model of the township pool, due to demographics and Covid-19. We respectfully request a more active role by the Township Committee liaison to assist the Pool Commission in navigating immediate and long-term solutions to these challenges. Motion was second by A. Doucette. All were in favor, motion passed.

11. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS

A. A. Doucette wanted to know if they will be able to run the swim team this season. J. Gander suggested she reach out to the Morris Area Swim League to determine their status first.

B. D. Smith is looking forward to a great summer season.

C. W. Fox thinks we should increase the fee for the YMCA to rent the pool.

12. MOTION TO ADJOURN—Motion to adjourn made by A. Doucette, seconded by W. Fox. All in favor, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Kellaway
Recording Secretary