

PRINCETON BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS

A meeting of the Princeton Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners was held on June 24, 2020 remotely via Zoom.

- Present: Dr. Nosker, Dr. Cahill, Mr. Young, Ms. Germaine, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Koontz, Dr. Frawley, Mr. Burt, & Ms. Rogers
- Also Present: Mr. Stentz, Mr. Moorhead, Ms. Paulucci, Mr. Parker, Mr. Uchrin & Ms. Caines,

Public Comment

- Alexandra Ulyanova (Hickory Ct) – Parent of 3, including competitive swimmers. Needs a place for her son to swim and is in support of the pool opening.
- Jocelyn Yen – (Rolling Mead) X-cel parent, supports pool opening.
- Sabine Ristad – (Parkside Dr) X-Cel & Bluefish parent – supports pool opening and believes that CP Pool benefits the community and that year-round swimmers do not have anywhere else to swim right now. He wants us to make the pool available to all rental groups in the area that want pool time.
- Mark Badros – (Skilliman resident & NR pool member in '19). Hopeful that the pool will open and be available to NR.
- Leah Wang – (William Paterson Ct.), X-Cel parent. Supports pool opening.
- Jenny Xie – (Autumn Hill Rd.) X-Cel parent. Supports pool opening.
- Becca B – (Non-Resident). Supports pool opening.
- Mike Vercolletto – (Rocky Hill). Supports pool opening

Activities Report

Old Business

- **Hilltop Park Improvements:**
 - Preliminary design concepts in the package. Completed first phase: Survey and geo-technical. Mr. Stentz referenced a communication from the neighbors at Campbell woods regarding the project. *Discussion was held.*

Director's Report

- Mr. Moorhead reported on the following:
 - Men's Summer Basketball and Men's 40 & Over Softball have both been cancelled due to concerns over Covid-19.
 - **Youth Sports Return to Play Guidelines:** An update on the resumption of play for youth and organized sports was provided based on recent guidelines provided by the state. Both Soccer clubs and youth baseball have indicated they are planning to resume activity.
- Mr. Stentz reported on the following:
 - Playgrounds will be allowed to open on July 2. It has not yet been determined whether Mary Moss Sprayground will be allowed to open this summer.

- In the coming weeks, staff is rolling out nine (9) different weeks of youth sport programs, including: Track, skateboard, soccer and multi-sport. Guidelines for camps and programs were received from the state only within the last week.
- Mindfulness Program: There are 2 full sections of this remote program with 14 people in each.
- Congratulated Ms. Paulucci on her upcoming 3-year anniversary with PRD.
- Mr. Stentz pointed out that the municipality has not brought staff back or allowed public into facilities yet which makes readying the pool even more difficult.

Old Business

- No Old Business

New Business

- **CP Pool: 2020 Operation**
 - Mr. Stentz provided some updates from earlier this week as provided by the state Department of Health, as well as some issues that still are difficult to interpret.
 - Mr. Stentz discussed the proposed pool schedule and the pay as you go model that seems to fit best with the need to limit capacity.
 - Mr. Stentz discussed the need to eliminate the financial loser days as we cannot absorb them as we might in a normal summer.
 - Public Health – Mr. Stentz mentioned some of the potential public health concerns.
 - Municipality does not have the authority to require masks at the pool.
 - Social distancing – additional staff on hand to assist with reminding patrons to adhere.
 - JIF: Provided a revised waiver that all patrons fill out before swimming.
 - Mr. Williamson thanked the staff for their effort in a thoughtful 2-week window. Mr. Williamson asked a question as to the best way to allocate and charge for rental groups. *Discussion was held.*
 - Ms. Germaine inquired about master swim.
 - Mr. Koontz commended the staff for the schedule and the 2-week window. He asked for clarification about the max capacity number and temperature checking of staff and/or patrons. *Discussion was held*
 - Mr. Williamson suggested that municipalities be granted immunity at the state level if they open their pools and adhere to all safety protocols & guidelines.
 - Dr. Cahill – commended the staff on the schedule
 - She questioned whether we need to open showers and provide access to locker rooms
 - Agrees with giving staff autonomy to close the pool as needed for a variety of reasons.
 - Waiver – How will we get those signed by parents for their kids.
 - Mr. Young inquired about the logistics of patrons showing up mid-way thru one of the public swim blocks. *Discussion was held.*

- Dr. Nosker expressed his concern that people will gather in line and not social distance in order to get into the pool early.
 - Mr. Stentz discussed the Non-Resident issue
 - Dr Cahill does not favor making a rule until we know if it will be a problem.
 - Dr. Nosker favors making a decision early. He favors allowing prior year members to obtain a DAC for this year but not accepting any new ones.
 - Ms. Germaine would not be comfortable excluding prior year NR members
 - Mr. Koontz agrees with Dr. Cahill.
 - Dr. Nosker posed the question as to how we will know if Covid-19 is spreading thru contact at the pool. *Discussion was held.*
 - Mr. Koontz made a motion to approve the re-opening plan as presented incorporating the Commission recommendation that Non-Resident pool members from 2019 be allowed to come to the pool in 2020 but that no additional non-residents be allowed this year, seconded by Mr. Williamson and approved
 - Mr. Stentz thanked the Commission for their support of the PRD staff.
- **CP Pool Revised Fees & Policies for summer 2020:**
 - Mr. Koontz made a motion to approve the revised fees and policies for the 2020, seconded by Ms. Germaine and approved.
- **RT Reserve Request: CP Pool: Repair of coping on seating wall**
 - Dr. Nosker made a motion to approve the repair of the seating wall, seconded by Mr. Burt and approved.
- **Development of New Programs/Fees:**
 - Dr. Nosker made a motion to grant Recreation Staff the authority to develop/revise programming and fees in light of the changing landscape this season and to have those items retroactively approved at a subsequent Commission meeting, seconded by Dr. Frawley and approved.

Communications

Communications shared in agenda packet

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Bills

Next Meeting Date

July 23, 2020