

Meeting of Garrett Park Swimming Pool Association Board

Regular Meeting and Member Meeting, Zoom

4427 Cambria Avenue

Garrett Park, MD 20896

Garrett Park Swimming Pool Association Board Meeting and Member Meeting Minutes: November 19, 2025

1. Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Donna Callejon. Also present on the meeting were pool board members K-Lee Bowman, Barbara Jackson, Marty Brown, Bernie Dennis, Suzie Welker, Michael Tribble, Prakash Rath, and John Stroud. A few pool members also attended the meeting.

2. Agenda Overview:

The board reviewed the annual financial update, membership statistics, and key findings from the member survey (150+ responses, 27% response rate).

3. Financial Report:

2025 Performance

- Revenue slightly below budget; expenses slightly above.
- A pending \$29,000 swim team reimbursement will reverse that trend, resulting in revenue above and expenses below budget.

Cash Position

- Current cash on hand: \$272,000, including \$12,000 in swim team reserves.
- New sweep account generating approx. \$300 monthly in interest.

Revenue Factors

- Guest pass fee reduction to \$5 generated \$9,400 vs. \$20,000 budgeted.
 - Lower uptake on August passes and donations
 - Strong party revenue but mostly break-even.
 - ~\$7,000 spent to keep the pool open for two additional weekends; only \$325 in donations offset this cost
 - Unbudgeted improvements included sunshades and other facility maintenance (tree trimming)
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4. Membership Updates

- Overall pool visits were lower this season, likely attributed to cool weather and storms.
 - Two-weekend season extension was successfully attended
 - 22 member-hosted pool parties took place.
 - The board will evaluate August passes and waitlist admissions.
 - A petition from younger members requests greater access to the volleyball court.
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5. Member Survey Results

Overall Satisfaction

- 96% satisfied or highly satisfied.
- Major positives: reduced guest pass fee, community events, new shower station.

Pool Heating Discussion

- 59% selected heating the pool as the top upgrade priority.
- Only 17% support it unconditionally; 83% have concerns related to cost, season extension, or trade-offs.
- Early cost estimates near \$100,000, plus maintenance.
- A new gas line through Washington Gas is required; season extension would require negotiation and revamping current agreement with Montgomery County.

Cleanliness & Maintenance

- Members want improved bathroom cleanliness, general tidiness, and replacement of broken lounge chairs.
- Board noted inconsistent cleaning due to staffing challenges; potential for stronger management oversight needed.
- Lounge chairs in need of repair have been sent out.

Food & Drink Options

- Strong member frustration with malfunctioning vending machines.
- Preferred alternative: better-quality vending machines with refrigerated and/or healthier options.
- Board members and pool members express concern for full snack bar to be infeasible due to staffing, food safety, and permitting issues.

Shade, Seating, & Facility Improvements

- Members want more umbrellas and shaded areas.

- ADA access to family pool discussed as a future improvement.
 - Subsidence under tennis court noted as a potentially urgent town-level issue.
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