Minutes
Pool Committee
Thursday, January 11, 2023
Meeting begins at 7:30, Ends at 9:02

Members Present
Michele Thorton, Betsy Ehrlich, Tom Bidinger, Doug Sims, Ashley Andrews, Mary Mills, and guest – Melissa Lynch. Also James Reinheardt to talk about the new Google Drive.

Not in attendance: Julia Remsberg, Karl Soper,

Melissa Lynch – guest. She's bringing the committee thoughts to consider. She lives in Middletown and long-time pool member with a 14-year-old autistic daughter. Questions pool rules. This past summer, rules were enforced when previously they had not been enforced consistently. This is difficult for someone who is autistic and doesn't understand the inconsistency. 1st recommendation that the pool rules be published or available before people sign up. Michele: the next newsletter will tell people that (Marky Koster helped update the website) they need to review the rules before signing up. 2nd Recommendation: ADA and diving well – adults used to be able to swim from stairs to lifeguard chair. She was told it was against ADA to have swimmers in the diving pool. Melissa knows ADA pretty well and this didn't sound right. After talking with the BHCA at last week's meeting, she understands the reason for the rules which is two-fold. First, the safety issue because guards can't see well directly below the chair and they have to keep their eyes on the divers. Second, we must make the main pool accessible (with lift chair) but not the diving pool.
Suggestion: Can we consider moving the chair back so the lifeguard can see the pool better. (but guards have to jump off the chair and into the pool.)
Suggestion: Include special needs in with the senior swim. Loud, busy environments are difficult. Senior swim is quieter and easier for special needs people to cope.
Concern: Inconsistency is an issue. The manager's behavior didn't help when he confronted her with a rule issue. The way rules are conveyed is important – she was spoken to in a way that was embarrassing and upsetting.

Do guards have any training in dealing with kids with special needs? Expecting hourly guards to be better at dealing with special needs is too much to ask – per two parents of autistic children.
Rule clarification: If there are people diving, then no one can swim in the diving well.
Two other families are mad about the no swimming in the diving well.
Pool manager will not be the same this summer of 2023.

1. **Minutes from November**
   Approved.

2. Slide- Options on this website. There is $60,000 approved in the account for the slide this year. Craig said work on the slide in the last week cannot be repaired, so we need to select a new slide. Want to select one where we can put the stairs on whatever side we want. We don't need the double slide – all agree. Can't put the stairs on the side with the guard chair. We think the whole area of cement will have to be removed and repaired.

Choices: The pool committee prefers the dark blue, second choice is the lighter aqua blue. Cost of the slide is about 18,000-19,000 delivered with sales tax. Add $10,000 for install for a total of about $28,000.

We want any leftover/unspent funding to go to repairing the diving pool.

Install after the 2023 swim season. Current repairs should hold up for the 2022 season.

3. Senior Swim Days- We need Julia in a conversation about senior swim. Julia would like to see senior swim go away. On our website and in the brochure – it currently includes only Monday and Wednesday, not Friday. We are all comfortable keeping these two days. Questions, should we continue senior swim? Should we include special needs swim time? Will there be a lifeguard for the diving pool if that's desirable to those with special needs? General feeling is no matter what we do, the circumstances are not going to work for everyone. Consider doing a survey? But this would be a good bit of work and we could be opening a can of worms.

4. Pool Brochure- on hold

5. Member Splash Update- Doug has done an incredible amount of work to take over Member Splash. He said, "Don't worry, I don't give up easily." Yay Doug!! Thanks for all

your work on it. Once it's set up then it runs by itself, until all the special circumstances come rolling in. Andrea and Mary are both willing to help with the system.

James Reinhardt sent the pool committee invitations to get into the new Google Drive. During the meeting we logged in and checked to be sure we can access our files

6. Shade/Solar structure- Read through the doc in the Google Drive. BHCA > Pool > Pool Deck > Shade Structures. Conversation about dealing with the hill on the road side of the pool. Plan to meet at the pool in March and take some measurements, then carpool down to Roots. Call ahead and see if they can provide some information about their solar project.

7. Food truck – dedicated plug. This is not done, but it's on the agenda. Need to talk to Craig and Mike about this. Schedule? We don't have it yet. Julia is working on it. We don't need it right away. We can put out the dates later. We need to work out who needs to be here to help get the vendor set up with the plug, etc. Plug won't be hot all the time. It'll need to be turned on for each day that it's needed

8. Lift Chair - Doug is familiar with the people in Hagerstown who do the maintenance on the pool.

9. Newsletter- Michele sent the content for the newsletter to the BHCA. She didn't give all the info about the dates, fees, etc. she is trying to get the patrons to go to the webpage, the Facebook page, etc. Go find the information from these places. As you are signing up, please be sure to review the rules and regulations. Karl requested strong language. Please be familiar with rules and policies for the safety of our community.

10. Security Camera update- From Karl. He called around several pools. Most have the cameras inside the pool house. He said he would coordinate getting estimates from different companies. Mary Mills' husband, Tom, helped run wires and they installed a camera in the entrance to the pool. It was connected to a computer that was located upstairs. There was software to record the video and connect it to the internet. Tom said he'd be happy to help with it. Mike Cottrell has this information. Why are we considering adding cameras? When stuff happens like last season when the police were called, we could see what happened. It would also be useful to see if someone breaks in

and jumps the fence. Do we need to address people's privacy issues? What about archiving? The old camera held it for three days, or maybe weeks. Next meeting, we'll get back to Karl and see what he thinks and what his next steps would be. Also, do we need some sort of system for the hearing impaired with flashing lights.

11. Feb 14 Meeting Change - Move it to February 7.

Open Forum-

After hearing more about the previous pool manager, we may have not heard all sides of the story. Jeff was great about keeping the pool clean. When we meet with the manager, we need to review the pool rules and expectations.

Jan 15 (midnight) pool membership opens. We hope it's full by May 15. Late fees kick in on May 1. Last year we ended early-bird on Jan 31. This year it's Jan 15 to Feb 15. The message is out on Facebook now.

Old panels need to be carried to the trash bin. Do this on Thursday with Doug. 1977 padlock code. They can do only so many at once. Ben should be able to help.

Meetings in 2023

Tuesday, January10
Tuesday, February 21
Tuesday, March 14
Tuesday, April 11
Tuesday, May 9
Tuesday, June 13
Tuesday, July 1
Tuesday, August 8
Tuesday, September 12
Tuesday, October 10
Tuesday, November 14