

WOODBIDGE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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RECREATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 16, 2017

PRESENT:

Commission Members: Pennell Hamilton, Robert Hill, David Lunt, Jane Shernow, and Andrea Weinstein

Staff: John Adamovich, Recreation Director, Theresa Burr-Bahner, Pool Director, Christopher Burr-Bahner, Assistant Pool Director

Board of Selectmen Liaison: Maria Kayne

Public: Anthony Anastasio, Roger Sherman

Recorder: Jim Franco, Office Manager

Meeting Called to Order: 7:01 pm

- 1 Public Comments: A) Roger Sherman thanked the Rec. Dept. for their work for the pool club. He was disappointed with the delayed decision from the Board of Selectmen about opening the pool for the season. He was sorry to hear of Country Club Pool Director, Anthony Taddei's resignation. He will be missed and difficult to be replaced. He was a good man and friend. Roger's Facebook page had over 1,000 hits. Roger then addressed the sprinklers at the Country Club and suggests the lack of maintenance over the years. He also brought up that the Town raised \$80,000 from auctioning the equipment from the Country Club, and where did that money go towards? That money should have been used to reinvest in the pool. Roger is disappointed that the Town will not allow the Country Club Pool to have its own Facebook page to try to gain more membership. He mentioned the Conservation Commission's walk at the Country Club on February 4th. This was the Conservation Commission's largest turnout, and it came in 28 degree weather for people to walk the Country Club property. Roger asked is the property open for the public to walk? Roger again thanks the Recreation Commission. B) David Lunt presented a thank you letter from Jessica Trachten about Jim Franco's excellent customer service and kindness.
- 2 BOS process to fund the 2017 season: Bob announced that Anthony Taddei resigned as Pool Director. Many factors came into consideration. One was the year-to-year uncertainty of the pool being opened or not. Another factor was the golf course being closed. He is thanked for all that he has done. Currently, there is no budget to open for the 2017 season. Some people have inquired to John about the Pool Director's position. We need to wait until the Board of Selectmen's meeting on February 22nd before anything can be done. We would then be able to post the Pool Director's position and set a deadline for accepting applications. Bob mentions that Anthony Taddei will put together a "to do" list. John explains how the Town is looking into possibly using \$50,000 from the revolving account for some of the expenses. The cost of the backwash system is \$23,000, and the cost for the sprinklers is \$9,000. Jane inquired about the driving range proposal. Bob explained that the expense to us would be \$1,500

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- and he was told that Casper took in \$20,000 from the driving range. It is a little golf at a low risk.
- 3 CCW status building Fire Marshall letter for use of the building: Smoke detectors need to be installed throughout the second floor and the sprinkler system needs to be repaired and extended to the snack bar area. The current box may not be able to handle the upgrade. The Board of Selectmen seemed supportive. Maria said that she would like to see it go on, and that a decision needs to be made so we can get the members to sign up. Anthony Anastasio added that you might not see an answer from the Board of Finance until their March 7th or March 16 meeting. Bob mentioned that he will be meeting with John, Tony Genovese and First Selectmen Ellen Scalettar.

 - 4 Pool Director position. The position cannot be posted because a budget has not been approved. Bob states the need for at least a 3 person panel composed of Tony Genovese, John Adamovich, and at least one Commission member. **Bob Hill made a motion that Jane Shernow and Bob Hill serve on the Pool Director Selection panel. David Lunt seconded the motion. All voted in favor.** Pennell inquired about when is the latest that a decision can be made in regards to opening the pool. In the interim John, Jim, Chris and Theresa will assist in getting things accomplished. **Pennell Hamilton made a motion that if the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance do not make a decision on March 16th then the Recreation Commission needs to revisit opening the Country Club Pool. Andrea Weinstein seconded the motion. All voted in favor.** John Adamovich stated that he would like to see the Country Club be an outdoor Recreation facility for the Town of Woodbridge to enjoy. He would like to see an ice skating rink join the tennis courts, volleyball court, and driving range. The Pool Director's position should not be expected to perform maintenance. Anthony Taddei did work outside of being the Pool Director. He worked on the tennis courts that saved \$5,000 per year. Putnam will need to be brought in to get them ready. Adam will have to work on the grounds, and Brad will have to work on building maintenance, and the chemicals. Chris can also work on the chemicals because he went with Brad for the Pool Operators training. Theresa can help with the communications. Bob appreciates the employees stepping up. Bob asks Jim to check with Tony on the conditions of the lockers that Anthony Taddei mentioned at the last meeting.

 - 5 Pool rates: Originally the rates for 2017 were proposed to go up 5% from the 2016 season. Initially, the thought was to go up 5% per year until membership was affected. After the budget presentation to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance, the thought is to go up 10% for the 2017 season. **Bob Hill made a motion to raise the 2017 rates ten percent. Jane Shernow seconded the motion. All voted in favor.** It is still very affordable. So, single goes from \$300 to \$330, a couple goes from \$500 to \$550, a family goes from \$700 to \$770, non-resident single goes from \$500 to \$550, non-resident couple goes from \$600 to \$660, and non-resident family goes from \$900 to \$990.

Bob Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Andrea Weinstein seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.