

## **Minutes of Mohican Swimming Pool Association Board Meeting**

**January 10, 2015**

President Chris Savage called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Present were: Chris Savage, Larry Johnson, Rick Hall, Bill Hahn, Russ Schofield, Carol Beehler, Dave Charlton, Dani Johnson, Sophie Leahy, Elizabeth Redisch, Caitlin Goldberg

VP – Pool Rick Hall reported on the status of the project:

The main deck is poured. Work is proceeding on the extended wooden deck (over the road between the pool and the gully). When completed we will have about the same deck space as before the rebuild. We should also have plenty of seating because the bench along the edge of the deck will be extended beyond what existed before.

PEPCO has still not put in the required equipment to power the elevator and other pool facilities. Chris Savage is pursuing getting PEPCO's attention by means of a threatened or (if need be) actual regulatory complaint at the Maryland Public Service Commission. Dave Charlton is pursuing getting PEPCO's attention by means of inquiries from Representative Van Hollen's office, which he effectively used on the pool's behalf in dealing with prior issues with PEPCO.

The next major (and last major) pool construction issue is "white-coating" the pool. This can only occur when we have an expected two weeks of above-freezing weather. Paddock (the pool subcontractor) will do this starting in mid-to-late March when the weather reliably warms up.

As it now stands we expect the white-coating to be the last thing finished, and for county inspections to proceed immediately after it is done. That process takes 3-4 weeks. We plan to open the pool immediately upon completing inspection.

Sophie Leahy and Bill Hahn reported that we have approximately \$40,000 in the bank as of now, which is consistent with our expectations, and that, while we still have several hundred thousand dollars of expected payments to the contractor to complete the project, those payments would be covered by additional loan draw-downs.

Chris Savage reported on the budget vote. The budget as proposed by the Board was overwhelmingly approved (150 for to 13 against). Both proposed amendments (the \$50 senior fee proposal and the \$75 flat Mermaid fee proposal) received significant support, but both were defeated (70-90 for the senior fee, 73-83 for the Mermain proposal). Given these votes, we will be sending out dues notices based on the approved budget.

Chris Savage also reported that he had been in contact with the pool's zoning lawyers to discuss the concerns raised at the budget meeting regarding the scope and interpretation of the pool's special exception. That process is ongoing; the Board remains of the view that the budget is consistent with the letter and spirit of our zoning obligations.

Larry Johnson gave some preliminary thoughts on the process of getting our site landscaped and ready for the season. Most of that work will need to occur starting in April when the weather turns warmer.

Cait Goldberg agreed to contact Montgomery County officials in order to get the crosswalk on MacArthur repainted. In addition, Carol Beehler was familiar with efforts being planned to deal with the expected increased traffic when the National Intelligence University campus (across from the Safeway on Sangamore Road) is completed; the plan evidently includes replacing the three-way stop sign at the intersection of MacArthur and Clara Barton Parkway with a traffic light. She agreed to ask about the possibility of getting a flashing-light system (triggered by someone wanting to cross at the crosswalk) installed.

The Board also discussed some suggestions about how to best deal with parking on those occasions (e.g., home swim meets) when the parking lot itself will be full.

Elizabeth Redisch agreed to take on the job of identifying appropriate new deck furniture and to recommend what to purchase, within the constraints of our approved budget (\$10,000). It was agreed that first priority should be given to having enough lounge chairs and umbrellas. Regular chairs are less important given the amount of bench seating that will be available when the project is done.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.