

**Public Communication Committee**  
**Minutes**  
**April 26, 2023**

The meeting of the Public Communication Committee was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Jeff Cascino. Committee members present in addition to Mr. Cascino were Charles Heller, Charles Neubauer, and ex-officio member Frank Deery.

Also in attendance were Lori Carnes, Mayor; Council members Keith Endy, Barry Christman and Gene Gabel; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; Police Chief Barry Leatherman; Scott Cusworth, Vice President of Operation, Greater Philadelphia YMCA; and Alicia Dinnell, Executive Director, Boyertown YMCA.

Mr. Cascino called for public comment on the agenda; no comments were forthcoming.

Mr. Cascino made a motion, second by Mr. Neubauer, to approve the minutes of the March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting. The motion was approved.

**Unfinished Business**

**Sign – Borough Hall** Mr. Cascino stated that he has nothing new to report at this time.

**New Business**

**Community Swimming Pool** – Mr. Cascino recognized Mr. Deery who recapped recent events concerning the community pool. Mr. Deery recapped that Deep Run Aquatic Services performed pressure tests on the pool skimmer and return lines and both held pressure. However, when Deep Run arrived at the pool to perform the pressure test, they advised YMCA personnel that there was no water in the diving well. The diving well had been holding about eight feet of water since September. In response to this, YMCA personnel filled the well with several feet of water and monitored the level of the water over a period of six days. The water loss over a six day period was approximately eight inches per day. Personnel from the YMCA, Deep Run Aquatic Services, and the borough met at the pool on April 19<sup>th</sup> to observe the main drain in the diving well. The main drain pit and flange appeared to be in good condition, leading to the conclusion that the main drain/suction line is leaking. Deep Run was asked to do a pressure test on the main drain/suction line, which they did on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, the line did not hold pressure. It was noted that this line is fourteen feet deep.

The suspected source of the overall water loss includes the expansion joints, numerous skimmer boxes, large cracks/breaks in the concrete floor at the steps in the shallow end and some areas of the pool walls, concrete surrounding many of the return lines, as well as the main drain/suction line. Based on the age and the condition of the facility the cost to make these repairs is not financially feasible and it is not possible to open the pool for the summer of 2023.

The YMCA will release a statement on April 27<sup>th</sup> to their members and to the patrons who used the community pool in 2022. Borough Council will approve release of a statement from Borough Council regarding the community swimming pool at their May 1<sup>st</sup> Borough Council Meeting.

Mrs. Loder reviewed with the committee, council members present, and the YMCA personnel the process recommended by Solicitor Hartman for termination of the lease agreement between the YMCA and the Borough. Solicitor Hartman recommends that the YMCA submit to the Borough a letter requesting a mutual agreement to terminate the lease including a timeline for transfer of responsibilities, removal of YMCA personal property, transfer of utilities, and insurance liability. Mr. Cusworth stated that the YMCA legal team is drafting a letter with an anticipated date for transfer of responsibilities at the end of June.

Discussion was held on retaining the services of Aquatic Facility Design to perform an assessment of the facility including structural shell conditions, surface conditions, filtration, chemical systems and the bathhouse. Following discussion, the committee directed Mrs. Loder to contact Aquatic Facility Design to schedule a meeting.

### **Public Comments**

There being no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. was made by Mr. Cascino and second by Mr. Heller. The next meeting of the Public Communication Committee will be held on Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder  
Borough Secretary