## April 1, 2024 Boyertown Borough Council Boyertown Pool Update

Borough Council has received the pool assessment report prepared by Aquatic Facility Design and currently is reviewing the report and considering their options. The complete report is on file at the Borough office. A copy of the report is available through submission of an Open Records Request.

The report documents and provides details on the current condition of the pool, and mechanical systems. The report does not include an assessment of the bathhouse. The costs to repair or renovate the pool are very high and Council would have to borrow the money in order to undertake a renovation of the facility. This would leave the borough with an annual General Fund debt service, which would require a real estate tax increase. Council is very concerned about placing that financial burden on the taxpayers of the Borough of Boyertown.

Grant applications can be filed to assist with the renovation costs; however, they are unlikely to cover all repair/renovation costs; the remaining costs would have to be paid by the taxpayers of the Borough. Council members are aware that patronage of the pool by borough residents is minimal. The Finance Committee of Borough Council feels strongly that a financial partner is necessary for renovation of the facility and is pursuing several different avenues as potential contacts for a partnership.

The pool will not be open for the 2024 season; however, the Borough will continue to maintain the facility in a manner to preserve the structure to allow for possible future renovations if that is the direction the Borough decides to take.