

BOARD OF RECREATION

SPECIAL MEETING

March 16, 2010

Present: Dennis White, Nancy Walsh, Marie Pettiti

Also: Mary Markham, Director

Guest: Donna Cassidy

Meeting called to order at 5:20 p.m. by Chairman Dennis White.

Dennis gave a brief overview of what had transpired at the last meeting.

He explained to what was discussed at the last meeting and that when we left we knew there was an issue regarding the Hillcrest Pool and the concern about adults and students converging in the locker rooms and hallways and the fact that we would need to hire someone to monitor the locker rooms. It was our understanding that Al Barbarotta was going to attend the BOE meeting and update them on the status of the pool. It was our understanding that the bathrooms and locker rooms were to be remodeled. Our meeting adjourned on that note.

At 9:30 p.m. that night Mary received a call from F/S Herbst and Supt. Iassogna telling her that effective the next day, the pool was going to be closed down during school hours (7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.) and that her programs would have to be rescheduled for after school hours.

Donna Cassidy who uses the pool came before the Board of Recreation and told them that she attended the BOE meeting when the pool was discussed. She brought schedules and fees from other towns for our review. Pisces was also discussed and eventually we will have to discuss their pool time usage.

Further discussion followed on renovation of the bathrooms and pool locker rooms. Even if the pool area is renovated, there would still be an issue about security. A security system is going to be installed.

It seems that parents are concerned about the safety of their children being in the pool area at the time there were adults. Recreation would never do anything to compromise the safety of the children.

The PTA's position is that there should be no programs during the time the children are in school (between the hours of 7:30 – 2:30).

Mary has rescheduled all her programs from the 9:00-12:30 spots to 2:30 p.m. She has been told that everything should be back to normal in two weeks time.

The following motion was made by Marie Pettiti; seconded by Nancy Walsh: “Due to recent actions by the Board of Education restricting pool time during the school day, the Board of Recreation will schedule pool time in the following order: 1. Recreation programs; 2. School programs; 3. Pisces.

Based on increasing demands for pool usage, pool time allotments may be adjusted in the future to accommodate more Recreation programs during peak hours.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Bokine, Clerk