##### Bel Pre Recreational Association

**Board of Directors**

**Minutes of Meeting August 7, 2018**

##### CALLED INTO SESSION/ROLL/AGENDA

1. The board convened at the Bethpage pool facility at 7:33 p.m. Board members present were President Elliot Chabot, Secretary Paul Spelman, and Megan Virga. Vice President Greg Miller, Treasurer Larry Vaught, Ted Bechtol, Karen Purdy, Billy Ruppert, and Chris Jennison were absent. BPRA members Joe Moeller, Steve Jennison, and Mark Foraker were in attendance, as was Clark Baugher, owner of Georgetown Aquatics.

2. Chabot called the meeting to order. The Secretary called the roll and a quorum was not present.

##### GEORGETOWN AQUATICS STATUS REPORT

3. Clark Baugher provided the board with a status report about management of the pool. He said they had received an impromptu inspection from WSSC, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, and subsequently received a letter requiring that the facility install a backflow prevent on the water fountain near the pool’s diving well. The purpose was to prevent sewer water from backing up into the pool. Baugher said there is a Montgomery County requirement that they have a water fountain so removing the fountain altogether is not an option. He said it would likely cost two or three hundred dollars to install a backflow preventer.

4. Baugher asked the board for permission to dispose of the foosball table under the pavilion, which he said was in very bad condition. The board members present agreed about the condition of the table, and said they had no objection to its removal.

5. Baugher informed the board that he wanted to get new curtains for the women’s bathroom.

6. Virga inquired about a report that the pool staff had been overwhelmed on a recent Saturday, perhaps due to an unsanctioned party. The board questioned one of the pool co-managers, Caelin Hoy, who said that there had been an hour overlap between a party of 30 and another party of 20, and this had caused some staffing issues.

##### STATEMENTS FROM ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

7. BPRA members were invited to speak on any items. There were no statements by association members.

##### TREASURER’S REPORT

8. Due to Vaught’s absence, there was no monthly Treasurer’s report. However, Chabot reported that:

1. The association had gone forward with sending letter notices to seven homeowners whose dues were in arrears for three years or more, giving the homeowners 30 days to pay. He said that after 30 days, the association’s outside counsel Thomas Schild Law Group would place a lien on the property and file suit.
2. He had heard from one homeowner who claimed he was unaware of the BPRA dues obligation, and so Chabot had provided the homeowner with information on the BPRA dues and requirements, and requested that he pay what was owed.
3. There had not been any noticeable progress with respect to the BPRA annual audits, and they still needed a final version of the FY16 audit, along with an FY17 and FY18 audit.

##### TENNIS COURTS

9. With Tennis Committee Chair George Usher not in attendance, a report on the tennis courts and RFPs for repairs was deferred to a following meeting.

##### SPECIAL USE REQUESTS FOR POOL AND PAVILION

10. Chabot reported that there had been a request from a church group to use the pool and bring some 50 people (some of whom were BPRA members, others who were guests) on August 26. Chabot noted that this might conflict with the Summer Entertainment Committee concert by the Kominskis scheduled for that day. Board members suggested advising the church group that they could hold their function but would have to vacate the pavilion by 3 pm in order to give the Kominskis time to set up.

##### PHYSICAL FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

11. Moeller reported that pressure washing of the walkways and deck had been completed.

12. Moeller raised the idea of using the pavilion during the off season, and suggested they could either fence off the pool area, or hire a lifeguard to keep watch during such events. The board discussed the idea, and the concept of working toward making the Bethpage facility more useful during the off season, and more appealing to a broad group of community residents, not just swimmers. Chabot noted that before making any decisions, they would need to find out if the property was insured for use during the off season, and figure out what to do about any trash that might need disposal. He said they should also look into what the county charges for schools and gym use in the area.

13. Virga asked if there was a place on site that BPRA community signs (such as for the BlocktoberFest) could be stored. Moeller said there was room in the pavilion shed for the signs.

**GROUNDS AND FENCE MAINTENANCE**

14. Grounds and Fence Maintenance Coordinator Bechtol was not in attendance so there was no report. Chabot said there had not been any new complaints during the previous month, so recent maintenance work might have alleviated some concerns about vegetation growth near the pool property perimeter.

##### RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

15. Recreation and Entertainment Committee Chair Chris Swan was not in attendance, so there no new report. But Chabot said the entertainment series was moving along well, and there was nothing troubling to discuss.

##### MAPMASTER REPORT

16. Mapmaster Spelman reported that he had acquired a metal snap frame for the large community map that had blown down, and he had re-hung the map by the pool. He said there was nothing else new to report, but that he would put any newly joined BPRA members on the digital version once they had finalized the process of joining the association.

**PATH TO MEMBERSHIP**

17. New Member Recruitment Chair Virga reported that we now have a fifth new member in the process of joining.

**WEBMASTER**

18. Neither Jennison nor Ruppert were there to deliver a webmaster report, but Chabot reported that Jennison had gone to the most recent Civic Association meeting to smooth fences and explain the changes with the new website. Chabot said the Civic Assocation was on board with the plan, and that Jennison was confident that the new site would be fully operational by the annual meeting.

**GOVERNING DOCUMENTS COMMITTEE**

19. Governing Documents Committee Chair Chabot reported that there was a meeting scheduled for August 22 at the pool to discuss amendments and updates to the pavilion rules.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

20. Chabot and Virga reported that they had been able to convince four candidates to run for the three board seats up for election this year, which was fewer than the six candidate-number recommended by the BPRA by-laws, but more than in some years when there had been the same number of, or fewer, candidates than seats.

##### OTHER

21. Association member Anthony Wormack addressed the board and said he was aware of problems with many of the pool umbrellas, and that several needed to be replaced. He said that he had inquired around and found that quality umbrellas—of the same type as originally purchased several years ago—were currently available at a discount for $530, or $399 apiece when purchased in quantities of four or more. He said the board should contact him if it wanted him to take any additional action.

22. The board adjourned at 8:51 pm. The next meeting of the board is scheduled for September 11, 2018 at 7:30 at the Bethpage facility.