

Kalkaska Board of Commissioners
Special Meeting Minutes
June 30, 2017
(UNAPPROVED)

Meeting called to order by Chair McKinnon at 6:00 PM, Commissioner Chambers, Administration Building, 605 N Birch Street, Kalkaska, MI. Present Commissioners Michael Buchanan, David Comai, Patty Cox, Craig Crambell, Kohn Fisher, Stuart McKinnon, James Sweet and County Clerk Deborah Hill. Pledge of Allegiance by all.

Public Input:

Rachael White: White addressed Board noting an understanding of fee increases at Kaliseum but concern with pool class fees and request for liability insurance for instructors.

Jim Gray: Gray advised Board of need for aqua classes and support for Kaliseum.

Jenean Rowell: Rowell addressed Board with need for aqua classes for health assistance.

Danielle Hammernick: Hammernick addressed Board noting her employment at the Health Center along with encouragement to patients to participate in the aqua fitness classes at Kaliseum.

Earl Rowell: Rowell advised Board of importance of aqua fitness classes for health needs.

Margarite Spires: Spires addressed Board of concern changes will decrease revenue with the loss of the aqua class; requested when membership would be refunded with loss of class.

Connie Farrier: Farrier, Vice President of Kalkaska Memorial Health Center, addressed Board noting the Health Center support of the Kaliseum for community and patients; noted she was unable to reach the new Director or obtain the pool schedules, concern with lack of communication and information circulating.

Dean Farrier: Farrier addressed Board noting use of Kaliseum, benefits of Aqua class and disappointment with the new staff's/managements attitude.

Ann Kirtley: Kirtley addressed Board noting her expectations of attending this meeting to obtain the Board's decision.

Public (not identified): Addressed Board noting necessity of aqua class to assist with her medical recovery.

Ruby Geisick: Giesick addressed Board noting the necessity of the Aqua class.

Mary Cergnul: Cergnul addressed Board noting her concern with the lack of communication, no personal contact from the Director and her inability to reach the Kaliseum staff.

Public (not identified): Addressed Board noting concern with the reported pool cost of \$70.00.

Purpose of Meeting:

Chair called for review, discussion and/or approval of Aqua Fitness Swim Class and The Dance Center contract and fees; Chair requested Director Oliwa to make introductions to audience and preside at Board discussion. Director Oliwa introduced himself, noted his concerns with the past 3 years of observing the deterioration of the Kaliseum, inconsistent user fees, misuse of memberships, continued use of expired memberships; noted recent communications to

resolve telephone corrections with voice mail, new website with information and pending repairs of facility; advised he is directed by the Board to follow the approved fee schedule and approved agreements. Oliwa noted memberships are for open swim times. Oliwa noted the aqua class was not turned away, the class representative decided not to return due to the fee schedule communication that has been in place; Oliwa noted the importance of the pool for therapy and exercise.

Chair noted possible options to include continuing the existing fee schedule and consider the class being run by the Kaliseum. Discussion regarding past scheduling, optional classes, certification, insurance and liability needs, volunteer options, (noted current instructors are not certified), concern with services offset with memberships. Discussion regarding the continued discovery of undocumented agreements inconsistent with approved fees and approved agreements; lack of insurance certificates as required with lease agreements. Consensus scheduled pool hours for other than open lap or open swim are outside of the membership; concern if the fee schedule is not followed all 'groups' will be able to utilize membership for the ice, gym, etc., need to treat all groups fairly. Discussion regarding past practice, necessity to review entire facility use for future, determine liability and class needs for what is offered. Discussion, audit numbers of aqua class, review options for future to be consistent with the approved fees, include liability of county into review and provide options for consideration. Discussion regarding the class as open or closed; noted at 6-26-2017 meeting the Board was advised by an instructor that the public would not be able to swim due to the type of exercise that takes place with the Aqua Fitness. Discussion regarding options of having current instructors to obtain certification; review of Life Guard on duty. Oliwa noted allowance of memberships to be used for all functions of the Kaliseum would lead to significant decline in revenue and failure of facility; noted importance of following fees/policies for future of Kaliseum. Commissioner Comai noted Director Oliwa was tasked to follow the approved fees and policies. Commissioner McKinnon noted options are the Aqua class is either contractual or provide by the county. Oliwa noted need for description from the Senior and Aqua program for description of classes, to allow him to present recommendation back to Board.

Chair called for recess at 7:00 PM. Meeting reconvened at 7:08 PM.

Chair noted following a discussion, requested the Board's position. **Motion** by Fisher for the Kaliseum to provide an Aqua Fitness class. Supported by Cox. Discussion regarding certification, option of employees obtaining certification. (Public comments noted they would not be willing to become certified.) Continued discussion, including costs and additional options for instructors. (Public comment in opposition of Director Oliwa speaking with Board.) **Motion and support withdrawn.** **Motion** by Buchanan for Commissioners Buchanan and Comai to move forward with fact finding, review feasibility of a county operated Aqua Fitness class at the Kaliseum. Supported by Crambell. Discussion regarding training, costs, etc. Roll call vote: Buchanan, yes; Crambell, yes; Comai, yes; Cox, yes; Fisher, yes; Sweet, yes; McKinnon, yes. 7 yeas. 0 nays. **Carried.** Chair noted a meeting would be called when information is available for review.

Chair called for review of The Dance Center agreement and fees. Director Oliwa addressed the Board requesting approval of a proposed agreement following communication with the Dance Center. Discussion; Oliwa noted concern regarding numerous agreements inconsistent with fee schedule and inconsistent user fees; noted Dance Center requested ability to take items with them that are not attached. **Motion** by Buchanan to approve proposed Dance Center Agreement, 3 years, as proposed at \$450.00/month, 2nd year at \$475.00/month and 3rd year \$500.00/month. Supported by Comai. Roll call vote: Buchanan, yes; Comai, yes; Cox, yes; Crambell, yes; Fisher, yes; Sweet, yes; McKinnon, yes. 7 yeas. 0 nays. **Carried**.

Oliwa noted request for new class fees; to be requested at subsequent meeting.

Public Input:

Public (not identified): Requested when refund would be provided and concern with pool being empty.

Public (not identified): Noted request for refund due to circumstances of membership purchase.

Public (not identified): Noted with the lengthy time for review by BOC of concerns, the less likely the Aqua Class will return; noted millage was passed due to the swim class participants.

Connie Farrier: Farrier addressed the Board noting her appreciation for the Board listening; advised that she passed a test for water aerobics instruction while sitting in the meeting.

Public (not identified): Noted other pool time (lap) will not be utilized as scheduled; noted there is always an instructor available; good social time.

Public (not identified): Noted a waiver could be signed if liability a concern.

Public (not identified): Requested what hours the Director works.

Sharon Byers: Byers noted need for support of pool and concern the Aqua class is necessary other than for revenue.

Mary Cergnul: Cergnul advised she retracted her statement regarding not becoming certified.

Public (not identified): Noted concern that time slot will change and she will not be able to attend; request refund if availability is not provided.

Public (not identified): Noted concern with loss of revenue from Aqua class members; change of wording or description of class and/or instructor. Discussion. Board noted all will be reviewed.

Jim Gray: Gray addressed the Board noting appreciation for meeting and communication.

Motion by Sweet to adjourn at 8:00 PM. Supported by Comai. 7 yeas. 0 nays. **Carried**.

Respectfully submitted:

Deborah Hill, Kalkaska County Clerk and
Clerk of Board of Commissioners

Stuart McKinnon, Chair of
Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners

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