

Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners
Special Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2017
(UNAPPROVED)

Meeting called to order by Chair McKinnon at 8:00 AM, Commissioner Chambers, Administration Building, 605 N Birch Street, Kalkaska, MI. Present Commissioners Michael Buchanan, David Comai, Patty Cox, Kohn Fisher, Stuart McKinnon, James Sweet and County Clerk Deborah Hill. Absent Commissioner Craig Crambell. Pledge of Allegiance by all. Also present Kaliseum Director Krzysztof Oliwa.

Public Input:

Ann Kirtley: Kirtley addressed Board noting her concern with her inability to use the pool, advised concern of accusations against Aqua group, concerns the Aqua group is treated differently than Senior fitness and requested a refund of her fees.

Rachel White: White addressed Board noting expectation for decision at this meeting regarding the Aqua Fitness class; requested policies of the Kaliseum (noted communication from Clerk Hill indicated county policies include Kaliseum and have not received them.)

Purpose of Meeting:

Chair McKinnon called to review, discuss and/or approve Aqua Fitness Program. Commissioner Buchanan reported a review of Kaliseum Aqua class with Commissioner Comai, insurance company, legal counsel, other comparable facilities; review of various options, communication with Aqua fitness members and communication with Kaliseum Director Oliwa; consideration of employee or current instructors being certified; review of facility pool options and consideration of fee schedule, Buchanan presented a proposed Aqua Fitness Program. Discussion regarding Aqua class and Senior class; Director Oliwa noted the Senior group was willing to communicate regarding the changes, the Aqua group was not and decided to leave. Continued discussion regarding options and consideration for both swim groups. Discussion regarding fee schedule relative to open swim versus classes that are specified; reviewed options to re-name the class as open swim, have team leaders rather than instructors, etc. Discussion regarding volunteer status; exchange of membership or other remuneration is not consistent with volunteering. Discussion regarding a suggestion box as schedule goes forward. Discussion regarding change of class to open swim and what is necessary for instruction with proposed changes.

Public Input: (numerous people speaking, noted class always allowed other people to swim; Chair noted report from previous meeting attendees was it was not open.)

Rachael White: White addressed Board noting options discussed will not work for Aqua group; noted her education; noted concern for current Director; noted the changes proposed will not accommodate their needs and there have been no changes in the past; (communication with multiple people speaking; Director noted concerns with insulting remarks (“imbecile”, “stupid”) by White and Aqua group).

Diane Bronikowski: Bronikowski addressed the Board noting concern their instructor was advised the changes were effective immediately with no options.

Marsha Peebles: Addressed Board noting understanding for certified instructor; agreed with changing the name and leader of class as discussed at prior meeting; noted primary concern is the loss of their time paid for, noted there will be more loss of funds with the changes as they will remain at motel; request original time back and recognize memberships for use. (Discussion regarding change of proposed hours.)

Discussion regarding changes/differences with Aqua class, open swim and lap swim. Director Oliwa noted concern with insulting/harassing behavior of Aqua swim group; noted the effort is to abide by the Board's instruction and approved fees; noted Kaliseum cannot provide breakfast and towels as private business does.

Ann Kirtley: Addressed Board requesting the minutes be corrected, advised Director Oliwa's report she has harassed anyone at the Kaliseum is not accurate; she reports she was counseling people at the Kaliseum and inquiring about usage of the pool. (Chair McKinnon noted the minutes identify the remarks/opinions addressed in spite of disagreement; McKinnon noted reports at the Township meetings of the same concerns the Director stated; McKinnon requested that those addressing concerns at the Kaliseum need to bring their concerns to the Board, rather than create disturbances/harassment with the staff and public attempting to use the facility.)

Motion by Cox to provide an Aqua Fitness Swim Hour, scheduled 5 days a week, with regular membership, or with regular fee schedule, beginning 7-13-2017, as follows: Monday at 7-8 PM; Tuesday at 11-12 AM; Wednesday at 8-9 AM; Thursday at 11-12 AM; Friday at 8-9 AM. Supported by Comai. Discussion; noted hours can be re-evaluated with the Board and Director input. Roll call vote: Cox, yes; Comai, yes; Buchanan, yes; Crambell, absent. Fisher, yes; Sweet, yes; McKinnon, yes. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. **Carried**. Discussion regarding pool capacity.

Public Input:

Mary Stellard: Stellard addressed Board with concern of sale of facility; the reduction of the Aqua class; concerns the pool will not be used due to changes; concern revenue will decrease; noted concern with changes of classes and times. (Board noted the hours would be revisited as the schedule goes forward.) Stellard noted request for refund; inquired consequences if revenue decreases. (Chair McKinnon noted revenue was not the premise for adhering to county polices and fees and agreements; noted fees/county polices are not new; noted necessary improvements at the Kaliseum and goal for the facility to be self sufficient in the future. Commissioner Cox noted concern with the inaccurate information circulating to the public and detriment to Kalsieum.) (Oliwa noted his request of refund for the requests of those that had memberships for Aqua class; noted he is following the Boards direction to manage the approved fees and policies.)

Discussion regarding review of requested refunds; noted membership forms identify no refunds; review whether refunds can be made; approved document if deemed it will be

refunded. Discussion regarding documentation, or lack of, regarding agreements and what the memberships covered. Consensus to audit the status of the memberships are effected; review of changes whether refunds can be made. Consensus for Commissioners Comai and Buchanan and Clerk to notify counsel to review options. Discuss at 7-19-2017 meeting under new business.

Motion by Buchanan to adjourn at 9:59 AM. Supported by Cox. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent.
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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