June 11, 2020

Dear Pool Members & Residents,

We hope this letter finds you and your family well during this ongoing pandemic.

The Township recognized early on of the severity and life threatening consequences of people violating the stay at home order and not social distancing. We closed Town Hall to the public, but continued to provide the necessary operations of our local government. We are convinced this assisted in the unnecessary spreading of the virus. The continuation of that thinking caused us to cancel our 4th of July celebration, summer camps and closing of the pool.

Recently, the Governor released a statement regarding opening of pools and summer camps as well as the amount of people who can attend events such as the fireworks. Along with the declaration that we could open, are onerous and unrealistic rules that would be impossible to comply with. For example, how does the Township select who would be allowed to attend the 4th of July celebration or use the pool since the amount of people is limited? How do you police the social distancing and the selection of people who are able to use the swimming pool? Under normal circumstances we prepare the facility as well as interview and hire professionals who would be working at the pool and camps. With the climate that existed we never prepared for the opening of the pool and the camps, and the timing to begin those tasks now would bring us into mid-summer before completed.

So as you can see while the Governor’s announcement has excited some people, the practicality of enforcing the dictates of his order make it most difficult for us to enforce and accordingly at this point our prior decision to close the pool and not have a summer camp will remain in effect.

We understand your desire for us to offer these venues and activities, but hope you understand these decisions sometimes come with very serious consequences. Thank you for your understanding.