

**Town of Swansboro  
Swansboro Swimming Pool Committee  
Special Meeting Minutes  
September 25, 2025**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm. Board members in attendance were Matthew Prane, Laura Holland, and Renee Cassiano. Brooks Barnett and Scott Evans was absent.

**Minutes**

On motion by Mr. Prane, seconded by Mrs. Holland the February 27, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes, were unanimously approved as amended to change the verbiage of "*there could be a health code issue around dog diving*" to "*there is a health code issue around dog diving*".

**Business**

*Review of Survey Progress and Distribution Enhancement*

Mr. Prane reviewed the survey results to date, noting that 26 responses had been received. The survey utilized the fire chief's ArcGIS software platform, which provided useful geographic information about respondents. While acknowledging that no logical conclusions could be drawn from such a small sample size, several interesting trends were observed in the preliminary data:

- Many respondents identified themselves as strong swimmers
- The majority of respondents expressed interest in having a pool
- Popular potential uses included water aerobics and lifeguard training
- Most respondents were adults
- Interest in year-round swimming via an indoor pool was notable
- Location was identified as a critical factor
- Regarding funding options, most respondents preferred alternatives to tax increases

Mr. Prane emphasized that approximately half of the current responses came from Swansboro residents, with others coming from surrounding areas like Hubert. The survey provided valuable feedback through open-ended questions about considerations for the planning team, including accessibility, inclusive design, realistic budgeting, and accommodating future growth.

Parks & Recreation Director Anna Stanley reported that the survey had recently been released on the town's social media pages and had already been shared 48 times. The survey would also be available at the information tent during the upcoming Mullet Festival. Additionally, Mrs. Stanley shared that there were distribution limitations in distributing through schools due to the program they use, Peach Jar, now costing. Mr. Prane mentioned that the Tideland Newspaper would be running an article with the survey link and QR code.

There was discussion about some social media comments expressing concerns about the survey design, particularly regarding questions about tax implications and identifying who would ultimately pay for a pool. The committee discussed the importance of having respondents complete the actual survey rather than just commenting on social media, as the survey contained questions addressing these concerns.

Committee members were encouraged to share the survey through their own social channels to increase participation, and the survey would remain open until December.

**Adjournment**

On a motion by Mrs. Holland, seconded by Mrs. Cassiano, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.