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From: Mayor

Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 12:15 AM

To: MARJORIE MEIMAN

Cc: Clerk's Department; Robert Cole; Alexandra Marshall

Subject: Re: SCARSDALE POOL COMPLEX

Ms. Melman-Rabinowitz, thanks so much for taking the write. You share vivid reflections, and we are thrilled that our community gem has been an important part of your experience in Scarsdale. We welcome all community input, and your comments will be included in our record. Best, Jane

Jane Veron Mayor

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On Nov 15, 2022, at 12:04 AM, MARJORIE MEIMAN mmeiman@icloud.com wrote:

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Dear Mayor Jane Veron and Village Clerk Taylor Emanuel,

I am writing to add our thoughts to the ongoing discussion about renovating the Scarsdale Pool Complex.

My husband Joe Robinowitz, our 22 year old daughter, Lara, and I have lived in Scarsdale for 21 years. During the entire time, we have been active members--with the exception of a hiatus during Covid. Joe and I are now senior citizens. Our daughter is a recent college graduate living at home.

The Scarsdale Pool is one of the reasons we moved from New York City to Scarsdale. Every summer for 21 years we have looked forward to enjoying the relaxing environment and beautiful, informally landscaped grounds of the pool complex. We even chose not to buy a house with a pool because we didn't want the responsibility; we wanted the opportunity to meet neighbors and friends and new families at a pool with well-trained life guards in a safe outdoor space. Other than the library, the pool has been a terrific place to gather for families when schools are closed and camp is over for the day.

Our daughter and her friends frequently met during the summer to enjoy the complex from the time she was two. They loved the playground, volleyball area and even the basketball court! Lara grew up swimming first in the kiddie pool, moving on to the intermediate pool and then finally graduating to the main and diving pools. She still comes with friends at the age of 22. While the bathrooms and dressing areas have never been fancy, they meet our needs. The snack bar choices have improved over the years and the tented seating area

has been adequate, if not state of the art. We love belonging to an outdoor pool and have never felt the need for one indoors. If we had wanted them, indoor pools exist at the local JCC minutes away and in North White Plains. The rolling green lawns and old shade trees help to maintain cooler temperatures all summer long and are a welcome relief (sometimes varying by 15 degrees minutes from our home only seven blocks away.) The opportunity to bring our own chairs and towels works well because we can move around the area without the restriction of permanent outdoor seating. It always feel more like a park than a formal pool complex.

Best of all, the Scarsdale Pool has been highly affordable! We have often skipped regular summer vacations in order to make the most of our time at the pool, choosing to take vacation later in the fall or waiting until spring.

As you deliberate about how to improve the Scarsdale Pool Complex, we urge you avoid a complete and thorough, costly renovation. Instead, please please simply address the issues that must be addressed to bring the pool "up to code". Please make it a safe and wonderful facility for all to enjoy, from infants to senior citizens, at a reasonable price. Not everyone in the Village joins a country or swim club. Not everyone has the means or even the desire to join a club at exorbitant prices. Some of us just want a place to go when it's hot to cool off, swim, play, read a book, gather with friends and unwind on sultry summer days. To do that we don't require fountains, water slides, the latest pool designs or modern architecture. We would like to keep it simple and continue to enjoy the Scarsdale Pool summer after summer as long as we live in this beautiful Village of ours.

Thank you for listening. We hope we can make a difference by sharing our thoughts.

With best regards,

Marjorie

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