

**MECHANICAL, PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL, AND SWIMMING POOL
BOARD OF APPEALS
MINUTES**

July 8, 2008

Public notice having been posted, a public hearing of the MPE Board was held at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 8, 2008, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 555 Walnut, Abilene, Texas.

MPE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Anthony McColum, Chairman
Phil Miller
Terry Williams
Rick Kelley
Pat Watkins
Jay Wyatt
Ronnie Carlson

STAFF PRESENT: David Sartor
Glenn Bailey
Alice Adams

GUESTS: Russell Sullivan
Kevin Hargis

1. The meeting was called to order by Anthony McColum, Chairman.
2. The next item to come before the Board was the approval of the June 10, 2008 minutes. A motion was made by Terry Williams, and seconded by Phil Miller, to approve the minutes as written. Said motion unanimously passed.
3. The next item to come before the Board was discussion, with possible action, to recommend adoption of amendments and revisions of the Abilene Swimming Pools and Spas Ordinance to the City Council. David Sartor, Building Official, addressed the Board, advising them that the purpose of this proposal is to adopt the State Standards for Public and Restricted Access Pools. He said the Environmental Health Division for the City felt the City of Abilene should adopt the State Standards. Mr. Sartor went on to say that the City currently operates under standards that were developed by the City in the 1980's. Mr. Sartor further presented to the Board a pamphlet regarding the construction and design of swimming pools and said the pamphlet would be referenced in the Ordinance. He said very little was changed in the administrative section, and went over these minor changes with the Board. Mr. Sartor went on to point out a couple of changes with the Public and Restricted access Pools, one being the slope of the floor and another being the decks around pools and spas. He said these were all minor changes. There are also some changes regarding drains to avoid entrapment. Mr. Sartor said the Texas Department of State Health Services is the entity that established the State Swimming Pool Standards.

Mr. Sartor told the Board the Legal Department has some editorial changes, such as punctuation and capitalization, they want to make before it is presented to the City Council, but nothing substantial. After discussion, Ronnie Carlson made a motion to adopt the Abilene Swimming Pools and Spas Code Pamphlet, subject to editorial changes. The motion was seconded by Jay Wyatt and unanimously passed.

4. Upon motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.

Anthony McColum, Chairman

Alice Adams, Acting Secretary