



CITY OF DOVER

POOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, 61 Locust St, Dover, NH, Room 236
Meeting Date: Monday, March 15, 2021
Meeting Time: 7:00pm

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00.

Roll Call: Jess Bonello, Pat Campbell, Christophe Cloitre, Tim Paiva, Robina Parisi, Suzanne Petersen (citizen volunteer), Steve Wyman

City Personnel Present: Gary Bannon, Kelsey Boese, John O'Connor (city council liaison)

Members Absent: David Tompkins

Approval of Agenda: n/a

Approval of Minutes from November 16, 2020:

Jess Bonello made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Pat Campbell seconded. Minutes were accepted unanimously.

Citizens' Forum: n/a

Election of officers:

Tim Paiva made a motion to re-elect Christophe Cloitre as chair and Jess Bonello as vice chair. Jess Bonello seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

Recreation Director Gary Bannon:

- We hope to re-open more activities, including increasing capacity. Timing will depend on guidance from the state.
- The DPW will be starting a water main project from Washington Street onto Main Street that will cause major traffic disruptions for up to 3 months. Water at the pool is not expected to be affected. The Guppy Park parking lot will be the staging area for equipment.
- Vandals have damaged the exterior and insulation of the garage doors that separate the pool from the playground. Insurance will cover replacement of the custom-made doors. The doors ultimately might be modified or replaced to create a solarium, but for now, the top panels will be replaced by tempered, glazed windows to allow some natural light into the pool while providing privacy from park visitors outside.
- The chlorinators in the indoor pool have been replaced. They were 17-18 years old.
- New signs for the pool, children's museum, and playground will be installed on Henry Law Avenue soon.
- The playground might be able to accommodate higher usage this summer, including a return to the water features, depending on new Covid guidance.
- Staff members have been asked if any changes are anticipated due to increasing vaccinations. Asking patrons about their vaccination status is not allowed, so no changes are anticipated.



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- The city plans to move the River Street skate park equipment to Guppey Park. The existing picnic pavilion will stay and a separate picnic shelter will be installed for the skatepark.

Long-range Planning:

The new shed at the outdoor pool should be moving forward. The city will pay the full invoice and then bill SSA for its share.

Finance and Budget:

Overall, expenses are within normal range, but revenue for the general fund is down about \$9000 compared with last year. The special revenue fund is down due to the loss of swim lesson revenue.

Old Business:

Pool Schedule Updates and Lane Reservation System Update:

- Some changes will be implemented from March 20 to May 1, because Seacoast Swimming Association will be cutting back on practice during this time.
- Lap swim reservations are usually completely full.
- Beginning April 5, a modified infant/toddler class will be offered. Instructors will remain on deck and instruct parents to help their children one-on-one in the water. Registration will occur on-line rather than in-person.
- Lifeguard classes will be offered in March and April.
- No swim meets have been scheduled yet for this summer, but three meets might be requested by USA Swimming.
- Discussions are on-going about the potential of space to be offered to summer camps at the outdoor pool this summer based on distancing guidelines
- A late summer shut-down of the indoor pool should not be necessary this year as most work was completed during the Covid shut-down.

Jenny Thompson Pool Renovation Plan Update:

- Gary is working with the city project manager to post the project and bidding process.
- Work will include new pool liner, new deck, new gutters, new diving board, new life guard towers and lighting.
- It is hoped that work can begin late this summer and conclude by spring 2022.
- The 3-meter diving board is a liability and will be removed and not replaced. Suggestions for alternative amusement features are welcome, especially those that will allow concurrent use with the 1-meter diving board.



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New Business:

High School Swim Team Seasons Review

- Last team practice ended February 27th
- Served four separate teams; Spaulding, St Thomas, Oyster River and Berwick. No Dover team due to all the circumstances related to Covid19
- Held two small meets for Oyster River

Spring/Summer Program Discussion:

See Old Business Pool Schedule Updates

Adjournment:

Tim Paiva made a motion to adjourn. Jess Bonello seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:05.