



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, May 17, 2021
Meeting Time: 7:00pm

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Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:03.

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 March 15, 2020:

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

Citizens' Forum: n/a

Reports:

Recreation Director Gary Bannon:

- On May 7, Gov. Sununu discontinued the COVID 19 emergency order and instituted a "best practices" recommendation, but no mandate. Dover is adopting a "Please wear a mask" stance. Individual facilities can mandate mask use. Asking vaccination status is not allowed.
- The outdoor pool should open on schedule, but some valves need to be replaced before the pool can be filled. The parts are on site and repairs will be made as soon as possible.
- 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.
- New signs for the pool, children's museum, and playground have been installed on Henry Law Avenue. Way-finding signs city-wide were planned and budgeted 5 years ago.
- The effort to recognize Dover's Olympians can now be revitalized by the Recreation Advisory Board. The key issue is determining the criteria for inclusion.
- The city plans to move the River Street skate park to Guppey Park. The existing picnic pavilion will stay and separate picnic and viewing areas will be installed for the skatepark. Initial site prep is scheduled to begin in late summer. Work will begin in fall and wrap up in spring 2022 if all goes to plan.



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Long-range Planning:

- Due to shortages of construction materials, securing three valid bids is very difficult. Cost estimates are typically valid for 30 days, but that time frame has been reduced in some cases.

Finance and Budget:

- Overall, expenses are tracking well. Despite losses in revenue, the pool staff has done a remarkable job of containing costs.
- The net loss to the city is expected to be \$330,000-\$340,000, which represents a difference of about \$30,000 compared to normal years.
- Dover residents who wish to voice support for approving the recreation department budget are encouraged to contact members of the city council.

Pool Updates:

- A modified infant/toddler class was offered and proved popular with 27 kids. Instructors remained on deck and instructed parents to help their children one-on-one in the water. Lessons for older kids will begin soon, with instructors vaccinated, masked, and in the water.
- 4-5 swim meets at the outdoor pool have been requested for this summer.
- Discussions are on-going about the potential of offering summer camp usage at the outdoor pool.
- Adult lap swimming now allows a lane to be shared by up to three persons who register together. Strangers will not share a lane.
- The indoor pool will have limited hours during summer, probably closing between 1:15 and 1:30.

Jenny Thompson Pool Renovation:

- Gary is working with the city project manager to post the project and bidding process, but the outlook for starting work in fall of 2021 is not good.
- Work will include new pool liner, new deck, new diving board, new lifeguard towers, lighting.
- The winter pool cover is at its end of life. A new cover on the old deck is not practical. It is possible that the pool will remain uncovered this winter.

Future Meetings:

We probably can return to meeting in the indoor pool workroom for the July meeting.

Adjournment:

Tim Paiva made a motion to adjourn. Pat Campbell seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:57.