



CITY OF DOVER

POOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Dover Indoor Pool Meeting Room, 6 Henry Law Ave, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: Monday, September 20, 2021
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:01.

Roll Call: Pat Campbell, Christophe Cloitre, Tim Paiva, Suzanne Petersen (citizen volunteer)

City Personnel Present: Gary Bannon, John O'Connor

Members Absent: Jess Bonello, Steve Wyman

Approval of Agenda: n/a

Approval of Minutes from July 19, 2021:

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

Citizens' Forum: n/a

Reports:

Gary:

- Summer went smoothly, close to a normal, pre-pandemic summer. Heavy walk-in traffic for rec swim.
- Garage doors at indoor pool were replaced after being vandalized last summer. Windows at top of doors offer some much-appreciated light inside.
- The new play area for the Children's Museum enabled teens to access the roof. Police charged them with criminal trespass and there have been no further issues.
- Staffing has been relatively stable despite the recent industry-wide and community-wide need for new employees.
- The upper level of the playground fire tower was damaged by the fire department when an injured child had to be rescued. The injury was unrelated to the tower itself. Gary is looking into reopening the second level once the insurance reimbursement is received and new parts installed.
- Apple Harvest Day is scheduled to resume this October. The Rec Department will have a booth, but no volunteers are needed to staff it.
- As of now, the city has a flexible approach to COVID, letting residents determine their own level of comfort with the patron levels.

Financial report:

- FY2021 ended with a net deficit of \$371,000; the net deficit is usually under \$300,000.
- Costs were the same, but revenues were down compared to previous years.
- The city overall did not exceed the budget, because COVID relief funds covered most of the unanticipated expenses as well as some lost revenues.



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Athletic Facility Proposal Status:

- The city is moving forward with planning to have negotiations with Edge Sports Group or other private developer to form a public-private partnership to develop a competition athletic facility that would house an aquatic center, courts, and other amenities.
- The Rec Department has a good handle on needs for community recreation and is following developments of Somersworth and Portsmouth to expand their recreational offerings.
- The most likely location is Maglaras Park, but that site has issues with accessibility from the highway.

Jenny Thompson Pool Renovation Plan Update:

- Gary is pushing hard to solicit bids so that work can begin next fall.
- The old, fragile pool covers will be deployed again this winter. Dirt will get through, but it is hoped that most leaves will be caught and kept out of the water.

Summer Review and Fall Preview:

- The outdoor pool had its best summer mechanically in a long time.
- Lessons were back and 28 of 32 classes were completely full.
- Adult swim lessons and stroke clinics now being offered
- High school teams will start in November.

New Business

JTP Renovation Plans

- Under old business Jenny Thompson Pool Renovation Plan Update

Fall Programs and Schedule Status

- Under old business Summer Review and Fall Preview

Other:

- John O'Connor announced that he will not seek re-election to the city council, so he will not be the DPAC council liaison next year.
- Tim Paiva commended the city for quickly pulling together a celebration for Jessica Parratto's Olympic medal in diving.
- Gary requested input on how best to move forward with updating Dover's Olympian signs: What qualifies as a "Dover Olympian"? How have other cities handled that question?

Adjournment:

Tim Paiva made a motion to adjourn. Pat Campbell seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:50.