



CITY OF DOVER

POOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Indoor Pool, Meeting Room, Henry Law Ave, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: Monday, September 18, 2017
Meeting Time: 7:00pm

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Roll Call

Representatives Present: Susan Ball, Jess Bonello, Pat Campbell, Christophe Cloitre, Sue Medbery, Tim Paiva, Suzanne Petersen (citizen volunteer)

City Personnel Present: Gary Bannon, Kelsey Boese, John O'Connor

Absent: Michael Arsenault

Meeting began at 7:00.

Approval of Agenda: Jess made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Pat seconded. Agenda was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from June 19, 2017: Pat made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jess seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Reports:

Gary:

- Summer went well. The outdoor pool heater had a few issues that will need more attention in the near future.
- During the annual late summer maintenance period, the indoor pool filtration system was upgraded. A few tweaks are still needed.
- Infant changing tables will be installed in the locker rooms in the near future.
- Benches on the deck outside the diving well are being refurbished and should be back in place soon.

Kelsey:

- Swim lessons began last weekend.
- The outdoor pool hosted a party on August 27 that was well attended. An effort will be made to offer pool parties more frequently.
- Recent heating issues at the indoor pool were traced to gas line work on Washington Street and Henry Law Avenue. The supply of gas should now be uninterrupted.
- Plans are being made to add recreational therapy and adult swim lessons at the indoor pool.

Long-range planning:

SSA still desires to build a new storage and maintenance shed at the outdoor pool for next summer. Things were too busy this past summer. No updates for the JTAC.



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Finance and Budget:

Year-to-date is on track with last year. Total city cost for both pools for FY2017 will be between \$240,000 and \$260,000. Once the old boilers are replaced, costs for heat should drop significantly.

Old Business:

Parking:

- No major issues were noted with the roll-out of meters. Crowding seems to have abated somewhat. The playground does not seem to have increased parking issues. Rainy days still result in crowds at the museum and the resultant parking shortages.
- Revenue from parking fees has almost matched the cost of installation. Once the meters are paid off, revenue will go to the Henry Law Park improvement fund.

Henry Law Adventure Playground:

- Terrific attendance was noted all summer with visitors coming from near and far. The biggest request is for more shade. The number of parties at the park has increased substantially over past years. The city council's passage of an ordinance limiting park hours to 5:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. and police presence have resulted in fewer problems with vagrancy. The Gundalow was used twice for Theater Unmasked shows.
- The Dover Arts Commission received a grant to produce a mural on the wall. The theme will be a puzzle featuring aquatic creatures.

New Business:

Pool Staffing: completing the staff roster is difficult, with few workers needing a job and employers competing against one another. Mick and Kelsey are both putting in long hours as life guards and instructors in addition to their other duties.

CIP Budget Submittals:

- New Boilers: The Planning Department has shifted the boiler replacement project to FY2019-20. Gary is discussing the need to move more quickly, but money might also be available from disaster relief from prior floods.
- Other projects also need to be addressed: new deck for indoor pool and new heaters for outdoor pool.

Budget Process:

FY2019 planning has begun, due in November.



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Other Business:

Credit cards: The system seems to be ready to go, at long last. Staff members need to be trained. Figuring out how to add the usage fee for in-person sales is an issue. This cost will be absorbed by the pool for the time being.

Apple Harvest Day: The pool will not have its own table this year, but will instead be part of the recreation department table.

Adjournment:

Tim made a motion to adjourn. Pat seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55.

Submitted by Suzanne Petersen