



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, July 20, 2020
Meeting Time: 7:00pm

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

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

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

Members Absent: Jess Bonello, Casandra Lanton, (both excused)

Approval of Agenda: n/a

Approval of Minutes from November 18, 2019:

Pat Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Tim Paiva seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Citizens' Forum: n/a

Reports:

Gary:

- Recreation programs and facilities are slowly reopening based on CDC and state guidance.
- Adults are back inside with one person per lane.
- Rec swim at the outdoor pool resumed today. Swim teams are practicing at the outdoor pool.
- Efforts to boost staffing have worked well with more staff than hours currently available.

Kelsey:

- High level of staff will carry over into fall.
- Two lifeguard-training sessions will take place this summer.
- Some college students might need to leave in early August.

Long-range Planning:

Nothing new to report.

Finance and Budget:

- The COVID closure left expenses to be paid, but no revenue.
- Overall, the pool's FY2020 budget ended close to what was expected, with a deficit of \$290,000 versus \$260,000 - \$270,000 normally paid by the city.
- The city will be applying for aid to fill the gap from the state and federal government.



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- Gary reported that rec programs overall are showing lower than expected attendance, even lower than the mandated reduced capacity.

Old Business:

Jenny Thompson Pool Heater:

- The new heater has been installed, but has not been needed yet.
- Not heating the pool resulted in a lower-than-expected gas bill.
- Significant water leaks associated with the metal pool edge have been repaired and the need to replace lost water has been sharply decreased.

Jenny Thompson Pool Renovation Plans:

- The city council approved budgeting for a new deck and liner at the outdoor pool.
- Proposals for planning will begin soon with a targeted date of late summer 2021 to begin actual work.

New Business:

Covid-19 Impacts to Operations Looking At The Fall:

- The future is still far from predictable and we will need to rely on outside guidance and be flexible.
- Lessons will be delayed indefinitely until it is safe for instructors to be in close proximity to students.

Whales Tail Work:

Design and work on the whale's tail to hide the metal framework has been funded and will begin soon.

Henry Law Park Projects:

- Water features at the playground will continue to be kept off until the COVID safety measures are no longer in effect.
- The playground is open, but few kids are using it.
- The obsolete fan and cooling radiator in the area next to the pool meeting room is being removed and the site will be repurposed as an activity area for the Children's Museum.

Other:

- A request was made to number the shower stalls for easier reporting of issues.
- A request was made to check on anti-scald devices in the showers, as hot water increases significantly when toilets are flushed.
- Although data are not being tracked, most swimmers are coming in for reserved swim time and empty lanes do not appear to be due to no-shows.



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- The next meeting will take place in September.

Adjournment:

Tim Paiva made a motion to adjourn. Pat Campbell seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting ended at 7:53.