



Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2021

Call to order by at 6:05 pm by John Roach

In Attendance: John Roach, Erin Hoskin, Bryan Simmerly, Erin Hinkel, Duke Schaefer, and Kerry Kemp

Absent: None

Meeting Minutes:

- One change was requested for the minutes presented on June 23, 2021.
 - “The Commission took a vote to determine if they were in favor of the project”, changed to “The Commission approved the project regarding the Bain Park Restroom”.

Directors Report (Kerry Kemp)

Information pertaining to the dehumidification equipment was shared by Mayor Cooney, which included:

- Summary of the issue:
 - Water leaking into the building at the track and fitness floor
 - Needed to wait until the winter weather lightened up to investigate the roof fully
 - The roof was last replaced in 2019 (spoke with the designer when investigating)
 - Found water within the layers of the roof
 - Found mass amounts of water (4 to 6 inches) underneath the desiccant (dehumidification) units on the leisure poolside
 - The water was pumped out and the units were turned off, the water continued to return
 - The problem was determined to be the desiccant units (not the roof)
 - The units became plugged where the drip pan is located. This causes the water to accumulate and push into the roof
 - To fix the area of the roof, the units must be removed
 - Inspected by Breuer and Garret (determined that the leisure side unit was in better shape than the competition side and that the water has migrated from the leisure side to the competition pool)
 - Properly repairing the roof will require removing both units (meaning both the leisure and competition pool will need to be closed)
 - Another possible reason for this includes a design issue regarding the location of the units being on the roof rather than the ground
 - No determination regarding potential litigation
 - Filed an insurance claim (currently in the preliminary stage)
 - The roof is under warranty (repairs must be conducted by October 31st or the warranty on the roof can be lost)
 - The roof warranty will not cover the roof damage because it was caused by the dehumidification equipment, not the roof design
 - The current units are the original ones installed when opening the rec (currently looking at units with a different design that will better suit being located on the roof)

- Estimating \$3 million for the first phase of repairs (including fixing lighting and water-resistant painting on the walls)
- Phase 2 will include the finish of the pools' surface, the play feature, backroom pump, computer system, and cosmetic enhancements to the aquatics center
- Breuer and Garrett work specifically with the PoolPak, Smith and Oby conduct all other preventive maintenance
- Hopefully, the project will be passed Monday (June 28th) and everything will be installed by May 31st, 2022
- Estimate to at worst break even or come out on top regarding revenue associated with the pool closure because of money saved from payroll, maintenance, and chemicals
- Discussed the impact this project will have on the school's teams and programs with the Principle and Athletics Director (determined to space out the bleachers on 210, possibly open Bohlken park for practices, and reach out to additional cities for pool use)
- Westlake and Rocky River have been gracious in extending our partnership and allowing our members to use their pool area during the closedown
- Avenues for paying for the project: recreation construction fund, general fund, federal grant, other potential grants, possibly issue bonds (refinanced current bonds on the building)
- The leak has been repaired to the best of our ability and is currently contained by adding an access door to the unit and performing weekly inspections to open the door and check for water
- Cannot run the units until they are replaced
- The integrity of the ceiling is currently intact
- Have provided the rec staff with talking points regarding the pool issue to update members if asked

Information regarding COVID policy updates was shared, which included:

- Currently having staffing issues (primarily regarding lifeguards)
 - Will be presenting to City Council during comity meetings on ways to retain current lifeguards (such as offering additional work at the rec)
- Operations are back to normal with the following exceptions:
 - Current hours, locker rentals, and checking out equipment

May admittance information was shared, including:

- The weekly visits
- Monthly visits consistently at 12,000 or more since January

The financial report was shared which included:

- The expense reports
- Revenue is far exceeding expenses
- Membership and Silver Sneakers numbers from the last 5 months (monthly & membership revenues and instructor costs)
- Currently developing yearly membership roster dating back to 2010

Programming updates were shared which include:

- Sports Report
 - T-ball and coach pitch numbers listed
 - No softball for ages 9 and up
- Programs
 - Currently in week 2 of Summer Camp (30 to 45 campers per day, running through till Aug. 6th)

- Safety Town started this week (9 total sessions, 25 to 26 participants per)
- Flee Fest this Saturday (40 to 50 vendors and a couple of food trucks)

Board of Education (Ms. Hinkel):

- No report

Individual Park Report:

- No report

Council Report (Mr. Simmerly):

- No report

Commissioner's exchange:

- No report

Recognition of Visitors: None

Adjournment: 7:23 pm

Next meeting July 21, 2021, at 6:00 pm in the Oak Room