

Park & Recreation Committee
September 26, 2022 Agenda
5:30 p.m.

1. Park & Recreation Committee – 5:30 p.m. – September 26, 2022
2. Swimming Pool Operations Review
 - A. Require membership card for entry.
 - B. Establish opening date.
 - C. Require deposit for pool rentals.
 - D. Require teaching lessons for reimbursement of WSI training.

Members Present: Councilors Josh Broadwater & Dave Frank.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Brian Burkholder, Ed Harris, Shane Fox, Jeff Griffin, Beth Carlson, and Chris Dornack.

Shelter/Shed Proposal: Representative from the school (Ed Harris) and youth baseball (Chris Dornack) brought a proposal to convert part of the park shelter into an enclosed area to be used for storage/concession stand. They are hoping something could be worked out and the project completed by this fall if possible. They are hoping the city would be able to cover the materials needed for the project, estimated to be \$9,200.

Eagle Scout proposal: Geoff Griffin was present to talk about Owen Dammen's Eagle Scout proposal. Dammen would like to build a 9 Square in the Air court in Mill Creek Park using the volleyball courts.

Tractor Mower Proposal: The vendor is unable to find an available 1580 John Deere Front Mount Mower that the council previously approve. Staff has been exploring other options and is now recommending the purchase of a John Deer tractor instead. It would be more versatile with abilities like mowing, thatching and bagging parks, and spraying and dragging ball fields. The purchase would be about \$7,000 cheaper.

Consider Sealcoating Proposal: Staff reviewed quotes for sealcoating the skate park and walking paths at Groen Park and Mill Creek Park. The quote from Four Seasons came in the lowest at \$14,946.

Pool Reflection 2022

I think that things went very smoothly this year. Similar to last year, I appreciate the support from all of you and the help from Ryan and Brian whenever I need it. They are awesome! A lot of positives from patrons, especially the lap swim folks. They really appreciate the hours. Culver's brought goodies to the staff at the end of the season as well. :)

Biggest challenge seemed to be with kids not bringing their membership cards, which not only takes time on a busy day to check them in but also led to the issue of children saying a different kids' name when checking in/buying items from the concession stand. We had one child who snuck in; when I went to talk with her, she said "I go by _____." I questioned a little bit more and eventually looked it up. She was entering all summer by telling the kids the name of a 57 year old grandma on her friend's account.

Solution—My thought on this is they have to bring their card OR another form of identification, which proves difficult with younger kids.

Swimming Lessons: Overall, very well attended. I took good notes this year on how many kids were in each session and will adjust number of sessions next year based on this data.

Pool Reflection 2022 cont.

I would like the application to be changed to reflect a pool setting. The current one is more generic and applies to any position for the city. I have messed around a bit with it and would like there to be a spot for the kids to say why they want this job, why they would be good at it, etc.

Pool opening: **Much love** for opening right away when kids got out of school. Thank you to Rocky for getting the training in on his end and city workers for getting the pool ready. We had life-guard training and WSI training in May which allowed the pool to be open earlier. I would like to do this again next season, as well as bring the kids from school on 2-3 days (like we did this past spring). I am wondering if this could be budgeted for so I only have to seek monies for busing to the event. A **very rough** estimate would be 3 guards X 5 hours X 2 days X \$15 an hour (which is what head guards make...this number could fluctuate). That would be \$450 for wages for 2 days. Jeff Johnson brought a phy ed class over on a day as well which, if we were to allow that again, would add a bit more. And obviously running the slides and features adds more cost to this.

Question: Can this be budgeted for? Do I need to find money from somewhere else to make this happen every spring?

Pool Reflection 2022 cont.

Pool Rentals are a huge hit! I think we need to ask for payment upon reservation (or at least a big deposit) as we had two no-shows this season at prime times when other people would've taken the spot. One of the times I didn't know that they weren't coming so my guards stayed for over an hour waiting for them.

Phone—can voicemail be taken off? We can't call most of the people back as they are long distance numbers.

Zipline is not the best

Concession Stand—next year I am going to try Sysco instead of Sam's Club. It is really hard to keep driving (especially with gas prices) and Sam's was out of items quite often.

WSI—The City is paying kids to get this certification. However, several girls this summer didn't utilize the teaching lessons piece (They just wanted the higher wage). I would like to make a rule that if you are going to get this certificate, you have to teach a certain number of classes that summer.