

Deerfield Park District
Pool Advisory Committee

Minutes of May 26, 2022

The meeting of the Pool Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:05 p.m. and the following were:

Present: Gerard Bonar, Michael Fleming, Andy Kettlewell, Lauren Patinkin, Sari Winick, Rick Patinkin, Jeff Nehila, Laura McCarty, Tony Korzyniewski, Jeff Napolski

Absent: None

Welcome

Gerard Bonar and Michael Fleming were welcomed to the Pool Advisory Committee along with staff members Tony Korzyniewski and Jeff Napolski. Brief introductions were made.

Matters from the Public

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

Review of Committee Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2021

Committee members reviewed the minutes of the September 9, 2021 Pool Advisory Committee meeting noting no changes/corrections.

Review of Pool Advisory Committee Scope/Expectations

Laura reviewed the Pool Advisory Committee Scope and Expectations.

2022 Pool Operations Updates

Operating Dates

Mitchell Pool will be opened June 4-September 5 and Deerspring will be open June 11-August 15. This will be our first normal operating season since the pandemic began.

Staffing

Jeff Napolski reported that we have 103 total staff hired for the season. 66 of those are returning staff. We are in a strong position to adequately staff both pools throughout the season. Staff believes that the increase in wages was a contributing factor in the success in hiring. We offered \$14 per hour for lifeguards and swim instructors and \$12 per hour for cashiers for the season.

Season Pool Pass Sales

To date, we have sold a total of 1,458 pool passes. The Early Bird rate ends on May 27 at 5pm. We sell about 85% of our season passes during the Early Bird timeframe. In 2019, our last normal season, we sold 1,476 during the Early Bird timeframe.

We are once again offering the 10-visit coupon book. The book sells for \$90 and equates to \$1.00 off the daily fee . The daily fee is \$10 for residents and \$15 for non-residents.

Rentals/Birthday Parties

We are booking the rentals and birthday parties through RecTrac the same way we book park permits. People that contact the district with inquiries are sent a link where they can look at the calendar of available dates at both pools. There are 17 private and public pool parties booked to date. Every Sunday morning time slot for the Deerspring splashpad is booked from July through the end of the season.

Lap Swim

The Lap Swim schedule is posted on the website. Mitchell is offering lap swim Monday-Friday from 5:30-9:00am, Tuesday and Thursday from 7-8pm, Saturday and Sunday from 7-11am. Deerspring is offering Lap Swim Monday-Thursday from 8:30-11am and Saturday from 8:30-11am. There are no capacity restrictions. Persons age 16+ are considered an adult for Lap Swim. There will be dedicated lap lane available during Public Swim times at Mitchell. Deerspring will have a lap lane available during the day depending on slide and pool usage.

Swim Lessons

We have changed our swim lesson program for the season from Starfish to Swimming Ideas. The new program will feed nicely into Coho. There are 5 levels in the program starting with Parent and Tot. Weekday swim lessons begin the week of June 13. Classes are being held in two-week sessions Monday through Thursday at 9:10am or Tuesday and Thursday at 9:55am. Weekend swim lessons are being held on Saturday mornings. Parent and Tot and Guppies Toddler Swim at 9:15am and 10:15am. Advanced Swim Lessons are being offered at 9:00am and 10:00am. We are offering a Jr. Lifeguard class Monday through Wednesday at 9:30am.

Four of our camps have daily swim lessons in the morning. Campers that have attended our swim lessons at Sachs throughout the year will continue their progression during camp lessons. There are four separate time periods for camp swim lessons.

Deerfield Montessori School will be bringing 80 children to the pool for swim lessons 2 days per week during the sports camps open swim time. Two other days of the week, Christian Beginnings will be bringing a group of 11 children for lessons.

Concessions

We will be selling pre-packaged snacks at both pools and ice cream will be sold at Mitchell. We will be selling concessions out of the concession area at both pools.

Coho Swim Club

Coho will be holding practices at Deerspring Monday through Friday from 6:00-8:15am, Monday through Thursday from 4:00-8:30pm, Friday from 4:00-7:00pm, Saturday from 7:00-8:30am and Sunday from 8:00-9:30am June 13 through August 14. Coho will be practicing at Sachs Monday-Thursday evening from 5:00-7:00pm. The Coho Classic will not be held this summer due to a triad meet at Stevenson and Libertyville High Schools that weekend.

Other Items

Update on Deerspring Sprayground Project

We are in the process of renovating the Sprayground at Deerspring This project was initially scheduled to begin at the end of the 2020 pool season, but due to COVID the project was deferred to this year. The project is projected to be completed at the beginning of July.

The new equipment has 29 play features which is an upgrade over what we have. Features include sprinklers that spray water up from the ground, buckets that drop water from above, water slides and many more fun, interactive designs. The equipment is designed for 2 to 8 years of age. The equipment manufacturer, Vortex, is the same manufacturer of the kiddie pool equipment at Mitchell.

Other Items

Tinman Triathlon

The Tinman Triathlon is returning this year. The event will be held at Floral Park and Mitchell Pool on Saturday, June 11. There are currently 10 participants registered. Committee member asked if that park district would like her to share the information on the Deerfield Mom's and Deerfield Dad's Facebook pages. Staff responded that it would be great for her to do that.

July 4th Free Swim

The Deerfield Park Foundation is sponsoring free swim at both pools on July 4. Lap swim and public swim will be available.

Dive-In Theater

Committee member asked if the Dive-In Theater is returning this year. Staff responded that it is not returning this year but possibly will next year.

Deerfield High School Pool Access

Committee member asked why there is no access for the elementary school children to use the DHS pool for swim lessons during the school day and on weekends. He commented that the high school should make the pool available to the community especially during non-summer months. Director Nehila commented that we have an intergovernmental agreement with District 113 that gives Coho access to the pool and our athletic affiliates access to the turf field and gives the high school golf team access to the golf course. He doesn't recall any dialog during the past 5 years regarding use of the pool beyond Coho, but staff could approach the district for discussion. Logistically getting children to and from the high school during the school day would be complicated. Staff commented that during the school day the high school uses the pool for their gym classes.

The next meeting of the Pool Advisory Committee is July 28, 2022, at 6:00pm.

There being no further discussion, the Pool Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.