

Deerfield Park District
Pool Advisory Committee

Minutes of July 28, 2022

The meeting of the Pool Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:00pm. and the following were:

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

Absent: Gerard Bonar, Andy Kettlewell

Matters from the Public

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

Review of Committee Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2022

Committee members reviewed the minutes of the May 26, 2022, Pool Advisory Committee meeting noting no changes.

2022 Pool Operations Updates

Staffing

Staff reported that there are currently 87 pool staff members. This is lower than the number we started the season with and lower than the number needed but we did lose some staff to attrition. In late June through mid-July, staff reopened hiring and had 6 applicants, but none were hired. One past employee did end up returning mid-season. August will be challenging as we juggle vacation schedules, and we lose staff due to high school and college starting. 43 staff are leaving by August 13.

Staff has started recruiting for the indoor pool season. Currently there have been 2 applicants that will probably be hired.

The first audit of the season was in June and staff scored 3 stars due to one guard failing the scanning audit. PDRMA holds a portion of the reimbursement, and the district can document retraining of the staff member to receive the held portion of the reimbursement. The staff member was retrained and has been guarding well ever since. The second audit of the season recently held in July should receive 4 or 5 stars. The third audit of the season will take place prior to Deerspring closing for the season.

Season Pool Pass Sales

To date 2,415 season pool passes have been sold. This number represents the total number of people that have a pass. \$162,000 in revenue has been generated this year compared to \$110,000 in 2021 and \$160,000 in 2019 which was our last “normal” season prior to the pandemic.

The most popular pass type is the Family of 4. We sold 991 Family of 4 passes and 489 Family of 3 passes. 83% of the passes sold were sold during the Early Bird rate. 16 of the new SRC Add-on passes were sold this season.

Rentals/Birthday Parties

28 public and private rentals were scheduled this year. During June and July, the 7-9pm time slot was the least popular and the 10am-12pm time on Sundays at Deerspring was the most popular. The rentals/parties generated \$5,582 in revenue. Pool rentals bookings were available online this year.

Swim Lessons

There are 326 park district campers participating in swim lessons. 80 Deerfield Montessori students and 10 Christian Beginnings students also participated in swim lessons. Public lessons were offered Monday through Thursday in 2-week sessions or Tuesday/Thursday in 2-week sessions. For the weekend swim lessons we offered Parent/Tot, Guppies and Advanced groups. 256 slots were filled for the weekend session. The Parent/Tot was the most popular weekend class. Public swim lessons generated \$10,475. A Jr. Lifeguard program was offered this season with 8 participants.

At the last meeting a committee member asked if there was an opportunity to hold swim lessons at the high school throughout the year. Staff was able to work with the high school and will be able to offer swim lessons on Sundays from 11am to 2pm.

Concessions

Concessions sales are going very well. At Mitchell there has been \$6,474 in ice cream sales, \$1,700 in chips sales and \$1,500 in candy sales. At Deerspring about \$2,000 has been generated from the sale of chips and candy. This is a total revenue of \$11,224 in concession snacks.

Coho Swim Club

Coho Swim Club will be finishing the Championship Meet season at the end of July. Tryouts will be held the last week of August for the fall season. There are 43 people scheduled for tryouts. Coho is searching for a new coach.

End of Season Hours

Deerspring will close on August 14 and Mitchell will close on September 5. End of season hours at Mitchell will begin on August 15. Hours have to be reduced due to the limited number of staff and the need to not burn them out so we can get through the rest of the season. An incentive is being offered to those staff that stay on through the end of the season.

Other Items

Update on Deerspring Sprayground Project

The Deerspring Sprayground project is day to day. We are coordinating with State and County Health Departments for final approvals. We are working on some mechanical issues and working with the manufacturer on draining water from the slides. Once open, the sprayground will be staffed and will remain open through Labor Day. Due to the delay in opening, one private party was canceled and one moved to a different date.

APP

Committee members commented how nice it is to be able to use the park district APP for their passes and the status of each pool.

The next meeting of the Pool Advisory Committee is September 29, 2022, at 6:00pm.

There being no further discussion, the Pool Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.