

Minutes of Aquatics Advisory Committee
July 10, 2023
Ocean Pines Administration Building

Present:

Gary Miller (Chair), Maria Lawrence, Steve Ransdell, Vivian Koroknay, Em Hensch, Stuart Lakernick (Board Liaison)

Absent:, Amy Hasson

Guests: Cindy Hoffman (Press)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Committee Co-Chair, Gary Miller at 10:00 A.M.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes from the May and June meetings was deferred until the next meeting.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved unanimously.

Old Business:

- Life Guard situation update: Lifeguard shortage has not negatively affected pool openings so far this year. Congratulations to Aquatics staff for their efforts. All of the pools have been open for their regular hours in June and so far in July. The only closings have been due to bad weather. Kathleen is doing a great job with scheduling the Life Guards.
- Charging document has been submitted to our Liaison. The full Board has not reviewed yet. Board Liaison will confirm that when it is received by the Board, as well as their comments and/or impressions of the proposal. The document has been prepared for Board Packet for next meeting. After Board considers charging document we will re-assess recommendations for pricing. Discussion at next meeting.
- Discussion of pool rates
 - Current (and long standing) policy on pool admissions is to not require proof of residence to qualify for the resident rate.
 - Is it possible to require OP resident card as proof of residency. This card is already used for admission to Board Meetings?
 - Committee discussed how that policy might be impacted by future changes in rates and policies.
 - Suggestion made that we consider recommending some automated system (key card, fob, etc.) that would quickly admit pool members without much action from pool attendant.
 - Committee discussed considering a proposal to recommend a new week-long pass option.
 - Only available for purchase by pool members or open to all?
 - Would allow residents to bring up to four visitors (children, grand-children, etc.) to the pool for a reduced rate

- Discussion of renter pool packages. Currently there is no separate for seasonal renters. Should there be? Should it cost more than a personal resident rate? How would it be administered? Discussion will continue at future meetings.
- Follow-up Discussion: Member skip the line policy. Should pool members be allowed to enter pools ahead of non-members who may be in line ahead of them when the pool is at capacity? Would this be a valuable perk that may encourage purchase of memberships?

Maintenance/Safety Issues

- Stairs at Swim & Racket Club. There was an incident at the Swim & Racket Club pool recently where a handicapped swimmer was not able to exit the pool because of an issue with the handicapped chair lift. The swimmer apparently opted to stay in the water until the lift was functional again which only took about 15-20 minutes. During that time the guards stayed close to the swimmer and acted in a very professional manner. As we have discussed several times in the past, the steps into the pool are narrow. Our concern in the past was that it is a safety concern when kids are hanging on the ladder, making it difficult for swimmers with balance issues to get in and out of the pool. The new concern is for the safety of swimmers that normally use the chair lift to get in and out of the pool. When the lift is not functional, is it realistic, or even safe, to expect the guards to carry a swimmer out of the pool using those steps? A wider, more stable set of steps may be a solution to these issues.

Meeting adjourned 10:50 AM

Next Meeting: Aug 14, 2023 10:00AM at OP Administration Building

Issue tracker

Issue	Status
Broken gate at Mumford’s Landing Pool	Fixed
Ladies locker room bare pipe without shower head	Fixed
Rusted file cabinet in Sports Core Pool	No Progress
Cement pad around Sports Core Pool cracked and flaky	No Progress
Steps into pool at Swim & Racket club	No Progress
Recommend architectural review of Mumford’s Landing and Swim & Racket Club entry steps	On-hold till end of season