

Minutes of Aquatics Advisory Committee
May 17, 2023
Ocean Pines Library

Present:

Gary Miller (Chair), Maria Lawrence, Steve Ransdell (remote), Vivian Koroknay, Amy Hasson

Absent: Em Hench, Frank Daly

Guests: Nancy Radke (Pending Member); John Latham (Candidate for the Board)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Committee Co-Chair, Gary Miller at 3:00 P.M.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the April meeting were approved without amendment.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved unanimously.

Introductions of potential new Committee Members

Nancy Radke introduced herself. Her application is pending BOD approval.

Tracy Reddell - Her application is pending BOD approval.

Request from Jennifer Bodner to open one of the outdoor pools for early lap swim during the two weeks the sports core pool closes at the end of August. Request will be sent to John Viola for consideration

Follow-up Question: Member skip the line policy

- Question was asked. "Did we ever get resolution re members waiting in line when pool "gate" opens to non-members?"
- Discussion:
 - Some members can't be at pool before 10 am. when it opens for general public.
 - On the busiest days members (who have purchased an annual pool pass) can find themselves waiting in a line of non-members and even guests.
 - In order to enhance the value of purchasing a pool pass members should, at minimum, be afforded the opportunity to get in at the next vacancy. Membership should count for more than just a small discount. Consider having two lines at check-in one for members and another for non-members.
 - Explore swipe card for member admission (self-serve)
 - Two-line entry should be available all day
 - Gary to draft proposal for next meeting

Life Guard Shortage

- OP is still experiencing a shortage of Life Guards. Some of the pools will be closed on a rotating basis this summer.
- Notice has been posted in numerous places, including the Pool Membership Application
- Discussion:

- Using social media might be another way to get more people interested in becoming guards. Have young returning guards use Tic Toc and Instagram to post videos of them working and selling the idea of a great summer job. I don't think this has been tried before
- Social Media risks of staff posting unsupervised
- Recommend that OPA staff manage social media postings?

Maintenance/Safety Issues

- All of the maintenance issues we mentioned were addressed,
- Need to keep an eye out for similar issues this season.
- Cement patio at the Sports Core pool has spots that are either cracked or badly chipped, causing possible tripping hazards in addition to being unsightly. These areas should be patched until a new patio can be installed

Next Meeting:

Meeting adjourned 3:53 PM

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