



**Recreation Committee Minutes
Wednesday, February 3, 2021
6 P.M.
Via Teleconference – Zoom**

Members Present: Earl Williams, Council Member, Chairperson
David E. Weiss, Mayor
Jeri Chaikin, CAO
Anne Williams, Council Member
Alexandria Nichols, Recreation Department Director
Jonathan Kraft, Citizen Member
Troy Neujahr, Citizen Member
Kathleen Hayes, Citizen Member
Lisa Cremer, School Board Representative

Others Present: Jan Devereaux, League of Women Voters Observer

CALL TO ORDER

Earl Williams, Council Member, Chairperson

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Council Chairperson, Earl Williams

Review and Approval of November 4, 2020 Minutes

Earl Williams, Council Member, Chairperson

Minutes from November 2020 were reviewed and approved as written.

Camp Consolidation Discussion Presentation

Link??

Questions:

Does this cost recovery budget review include CARES Act money that the city received?

Answer: The budget was reviewed from an expense and revenue standpoint. The department wanted to make sure that cost of the camp services were equal to the amount of revenue that was being brought in. The goal was not to make money necessarily, but to ensure that we were not losing money. The department does have CARES Act money available to buy supplies and materials if needed.

Does the Recreation Department offer scholarships?

Answer: Yes, the Recreation Department offers the Lynn Ruffner Recreation for Youth Scholarship Program. This scholarship is awarded based on applicant's qualifying for the free and reduced lunch program with the City of Shaker Heights School District. Accepted participants are expected to pay

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25% of the cost of the program or activity if they qualify for the free lunch program and 50% of the cost of the program or activity if they qualify for the reduced lunch program.

Is the Recreation Department planning different COVID type of situation this summer?

Answer: Yes, the department has multiple scenarios. Heavy COVID protocols with strict small groupings & social distancing. Along with a variety of different activities to reduce interactions among camp participants. The next tier down would be moderate COVID protocols which would allow us to have games and play but still follow guidelines. The last tier would allow for full on summer camp with limited COVID protocols.

Has the City had to adjust any of their liability insurance in regard to COVID?

Answer: No, the City directly has not had to adjust any insurance. The Recreation Department did insert a new COVID waiver into their programs for participants to sign off on.

Historically has the Recreation Department broken even financially on their camps?

Answer: Based on a fee study that was conducted in 2018 the department was breaking even on 75% of the camps but there were still some specialty camps that the department was taking a loss on.

Summer Thornton Pool Operations Presentation Link?

Questions:

Will there be mobile sanitation stations and social distancing seating put into place?

Yes, the department will do everything possible to ensure proper sanitation and social distancing while on the pool deck.

Are there multiple plans for pool admissions as far as the limited capacity and keeping it fair?

Answer: Yes, the department has been continually discussing how to operate during this still challenging time of limited capacity. The plan is to open registration for the various time slots the week before and allow people to register that way. The department is still in discussion on how to handle a wait list situation as well as swimming lessons.

Is the daily price admission based on market conditions or were they based off of a specific formula?

Answer: The fees are based off of city ordinance. At this time the department is not recommending any increase or adjustment in fees.

Is the 75 person maximum capacity based on specific opening protocols?

Answer: Yes, it's based on a few theories. The pool protocols through responsible restart look at the capacity of the deck and pool and the formula is compiled based off of that. The department also looked at what other pool communities in the area were doing.

Will the registration and payment be taken all online for daily admission?

Answer: Yes, everything will be done online. We are also able to process over the phone payments for residents that do not use the internet.

Are there any cancellation policies in place?

Answer: No not specifically at this time. The department is still in discussion on how to structure refunds and cancellations in a fair and proper manor.

Will there be any concessions open for the pool this summer?

Answer: Unfortunately due to COVID protocols the department does not anticipate opening the concession stand this summer. If the department was by chance able to open it would be a gran and go type of food. There would be no cook to order food as in the past.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7.15 pm.

Earl Williams, Council Member
Chairperson, Recreation Committee