

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE POOL ADVISORY
OF THE CITY OF SUNSET HILLS, MISSOURI
HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2016

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Pool Advisory Committee of the City of Sunset Hills, Missouri met at the Community Center in said City on Monday, June 20, 2016. The meeting convened at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Pool Advisory

Present	Jan Hoffmann	-Chairman
	Aimee Monda	-Member
	Pat Duke	-Member
	Pat Fribis	-Member
	Nate Watts	-Recreation Assistant
Absent:	Tim O'Keefe	-Member

UPDATE FROM THE RECREATION ASSISTANT

A. Income Report

Nate Watts distributed an overview of pool income to the committee. The report included a breakdown of income from memberships, ID cards, daily admission, concessions, programs (such as swim lessons), private rentals, and swim and dive team. Nate Watts stated that pool income has increased over the previous 2015 season in all categories, likely due to the unusually hot weather.

B. Memberships

Nate Watts broke down the membership income into resident and non-resident categories as well as stated that the number of memberships sold in the current season had surpassed the total number of memberships sold in the 2015 season. Mrs. Hoffmann asked for how many of the memberships were resident memberships and how many were non-resident memberships. Nate Watts stated that he did not know, but would bring that information to the next meeting.

The card scanning system was also discussed. Nate Watts stated that patrons have difficulties getting cards to scan from the orbital scanners, and that he thought magnetic strip cards may work better. It was added that he and the pool staff were working on training patrons to properly scan, but that it still wasn't catching on. Mrs. Hoffmann suggested to continue educating patrons and to keep the current scanning system.

C. ID Cards / Daily Entry

Nate Watts stated the income brought in from the new ID system both for non-resident ID cards and Lindbergh resident ID cards. He also stated that the ID system had been received better than he had thought, but that the pool had lost business because of the new policy. He also stated that he felt the income brought in by selling the ID cards made up for the difference of lost business because of the system.

D. Concessions

A brief report of concessions was given by Nate Watts. He stated that this seasons' biggest seller was Dippin' Dots, which had greatly outsold every other item in the concession stand. He also stated that the price was raised a quarter for all sizes of the product mid-season.

E. Swim Lessons

Nate Watts stated that swim lessons were going well, and stated that there were 36 enrolled in the current session. It was not known what the enrollment numbers were from last year, but he stated that the pool manager believed this was the highest number of swim lesson participants since she had started working at the facility.

F. River Walk / Aqua Aerobics

Nate Watts stated that the attendance number for river walk was 79 and the attendance number for aqua aerobics was 40, but that several days of river walk had not been recorded.

Mrs. Hoffmann brought up that aqua aerobics participants are not given tickets upon paying for a daily pass or getting their cards punched. It was suggested by Mrs. Hoffmann that all aqua aerobics participants be given a ticket to redeem with the instructor to ensure that patrons were not entering the facility under the pretense of participating in the river walk, but instead participating in aqua aerobics. There was unanimous agreement, and Nate Watts stated that the front desk would begin handing out aqua aerobics tickets starting the next class, on Wednesday morning.

G. Pool Parties

Nate Watts stated that his predecessor had offered birthday party packages on the pool deck during normal hours, but that he had discontinued the offer due to the fact that the parties were placed in the staff only area. He continued, stating that he did not feel that the lifeguards should be kicked out of their area for parties.

Nate Watts also discussed private party rentals, stating that 20 had been reserved to date, including almost all Friday and Saturday evenings in June and July, as well as most of August. He presented the board a calendar with the evenings with reservations highlighted. Nate Watts also stated that the majority of private rentals were reserved by residents, or by an organization in which a resident was a part of.

H. Staffing

Nate Watts stated that the majority of the lifeguard staff was new this year, and that this was the first job for most of the new staff. He stated that there have been some difficulties with the new staff including rule enforcement, but that he has been working on developing the staff with the assistance from his head guards.

It was brought up that kids were frequently entering the lap lanes and the lifeguard staff frequently did nothing. Nate Watts stated that he was aware of the issue and would be addressing it at the week's in-service training.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Color Schemes

Nate Watts stated that the color of blue on the patio furniture, chairs and umbrellas was no longer being produced by the manufacturing company. He stated that new chairs would need to be bought and that the board would have the opportunity to select a different color, or continue trying to match a different shade of blue with the original paint.

It was expressed that having different shades of blue was not of great concern moving forward, but that the yellow umbrellas were a nice touch.

No decisions were made on the color or style of chair to be purchased for the next season. However, Nate Watts stated that he would bring some different options of chair style to the next meeting so it could be determined if the current vinyl chairs should be re-purchased or if a different style of chair.

B. Slide Construction

The location of the potential slide was identified by Nate Watts as in the far corner of the competition pool, where the lap lane reels were currently located. He also stated that he wanted to make sure everyone was on the same page going forward pertaining to constructing a stand-up slide as well as a traditional water slide. The board was in agreement.

Nate Watts also stated that he would send out a link to the video of the stand-up water slide with the next meetings' agenda.

C. Water Table

Nate Watts stated that the water table was working, however a pool pump had to be installed which results in loss of water from the table. This requires the lifeguards to continuously fill the table throughout the day to ensure that it does not run dry. He also stated that the table had taken a considerable amount of time to get running and that he had not observed much use of the feature. Nate Watts suggested taking into consideration the use of the feature when deciding to keep or remove it. It was suggested to make sure toys were available either on the table itself or to make a sign that water table toys were available in the lifeguard office.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting for the Pool Advisory will be July 18th at 6:30 p.m. at the Aquatic Facility.

ADJOURNMENT

Jan Hoffmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Aimee Monda seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.