

**DeKalb Park District
Pool Committee Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2013**

Committee Members Present: Per Faivre, Lisa Small, Keith Nyquist, Colleen Belmont, Roger Olsen, Steve Duchrow, Mike Mascal, Scott deOliveira, Don Biggs, Rich Rice, Lynn Neeley.

Committee Members Absent: Lisa Small, Steve Irving

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Approve the Agenda

Colleen Belmont moved to approve the agenda, and the motion was seconded by Rich Rice. All members present voted 'aye'.

3. Discuss Park District of Oak Park Pool Renovation.

Keith Nyquist reported the highlights of a discussion with Bill Hamilton, the finance director of the Park District of Oak Park regarding the Ridgeland Commons pool.

--The pool shell was built in 1962 and is still structurally sound;

--The PDOP is keeping the shell while replacing the deck, mechanicals, and gutter around the pool.

--The cost of the renovation is between \$3-4 million.

--The diving well was too shallow to conform to current code, so the height of the new gutters was increased.

4. Review of Pool Options Using Existing Basin

The committee discussed the potential of relocating the slides, concession stand, wading pool, and mechanical building should the existing basin be kept.

5. History Fact Sheet

Rich Rice and Steve Duchrow presented a document entitled "DeKalb Park District—Hopkins Park Facts" that gives attendance figures for the years 2008-2012, and a summary of the findings of the 2008 Williams study, which concluded that the appearance of the Center and the number of amenities is affecting attendance. The Fact Sheet also reports that the base population of DeKalb is 28,000, with NIU enrollment trending downward. The document also reports Williams' analysis, which states that delaying the cost of the pool until 2018 would add \$1.65 million to the cost of a \$5 million pool plan.

6. Survey Discussion

Lynn Neeley noted concern that any public survey that was not scientific would not give the District a reliable picture of public opinion, and recommended against a costly survey. Faivre suggested bringing the idea of paying for a survey to the Board, and Neeley suggested that any survey should go out as a mailed survey.

7. Public Input Emails.

There were none.

8. Business from the Floor

There was none.

9. Discuss Future Committee Tasks

Faivre and Small agreed to discover if PHN Architects would look at the plans presented by the committee to develop a cost estimate. Scott deOliveira agreed to contact Brian Staffeld of Mechanical Inc. to review the plans.

10. Adjourn Meeting

Neeley moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mike Mascal seconded the motion. All in attendance voted 'aye'.