DeKalb Park District
Pool Committee Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2014

Committee Members Present: Per Faivre, Lisa Small, Keith Nyquist, Colleen Belmont, Roger Olsen, Mike Mascal, Scott deOliveira, Rich Rice. Steve Duchrow arrived at 7:10.

Committee Members Absent: Don Biggs, Lynn Neeley.

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
   The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. **Approve the Agenda**
   Keith Nyquist moved to amend the agenda to include an item to discuss a plan for writing the report to be sent to the Board. A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Rich Rice and was seconded by Roger Olsen. All members present voted 'aye'.

3. **Discuss Park District of Oak Park Pool Renovation**
   Nyquist reported that he had no further contact with the Park District of Oak Park, and that he was waiting for a response from the Morton Grove Park District about its current pool renovation. He summarized a discussion with Paul Cathey, the Financial Director of the Des Plaines Park District. Its pool has a 250,000 gallon capacity, and is 46 years old. Keeping the same shell, the construction cost was $3.26 million. It was reported that a spreadsheet of specific costs had been placed in the committee's Dropbox folder.

4. **Review of Pool Options Using Existing Basin**
   The committee reviewed the pricing plan that PHN architects delivered to the Park District in a document dated March 17, 2014. Mike Mascal suggested executing the PHN plan is sections to keep upfront costs down. Olsen and Mascal noted that some of the recommended repairs could be deferred, perhaps until 2019, when the Sports and Recreation bond expires. Per Faivre then proposed presenting the entire PHN document to the full Board for review.

   Steve Irving recommended excluding the site development costs cited in the PHN document, and said that the cost of the project could be brought down to $3.6 million. He further recommended that the project begin in fall of 2015, and that with deferment of certain parts of the project, the initial costs could be brought under $3 million.

   Steve Duchrow noted that some amenities such as shade structures are important and may need to stay in the plan. Irving suggested that the Park District should determine the budget for what needs to be done, and then create a priority list for everything else.

   Irving, Olsen, and Mascal agreed to assess the items on the PHN document to differentiate between vital and optional items.

5. **History Fact Sheet**
   Rich Rice and Duchrow summarized the History fact sheet that had been distributed earlier, and Rice suggested that a pattern of declining attendance at the pool may be a result of the condition of the facility.

6. **Survey Discussion—Questions from Committee**
   Lisa Small distributed Lynn Neeley's survey questions to the committee, and Nyquist suggested using the "a la carte" list of pool options to shape any survey sent to the public.

7. **Parking Discussion—150 grass spots.**
   Faivre questioned whether temporary grass parking spots would be feasible as an option for temporary overflow parking, and said that he would bring the issue to the Board at a future date.

8. **Ideal Bather Capacity**
   Scott deOliveira noted that the current 1,400 bather capacity is higher than any attendance that could feasibly happen, and that patrons have been very crowded together on days when attendance was below that figure. Rice pointed out the idea of considering changes to the bather capacity would be moot if the decision were made to keep the existing pool shell.

9. **Public Input Emails**
   There were none, but it was noted that the Park District had received five or six emails in total.

10. **Public Comment**
    There was none.

11. **Discuss Future Committee Topics**
    Nyquist offered to write the final report to be presented to the Board, and proposed placing drafts in the Dropbox so that committee members could make changes as they feel necessary. The committee agreed to meet again on April 21.

12. **Adjourn Committee Meeting**
    Mascal moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50, and Olsen seconded the motion. All in attendance voted 'aye'.