

**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, Steve Irving, , Don Biggs, Rich Rice, Lynn Neeley.

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

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

**2. Approve the Agenda**

Rich Rice moved to amend the agenda to include a discussion of the Open Space Master Plan; all members voted to amend.

**3. Discuss Status of Historical Data Gathering**

- a. Keith Nyquist presented a paper copy of a summary of the DPD Board's pool discussion from July 2012- present, and offered to send an electronic version to the committee before the next meeting.
- b. Rice provided a summary of the **2012 Master Plan** to the committee. Among the highlights were the projection that by 2020, DeKalb's population should be 47,900-49,300 depending on which projection model was used. From this, the plan identified a need for a pool site size of two acres. The focus group identified four immediate areas of improvement: security on-deck at the pool, an improved water filtration system, refurbished locker rooms, and new pool furniture.

The focus group also identified the pool as the most important item to its members, followed by maintenance of Park facilities. In an open house meeting attended by six persons, only one comment of 21 was made about the pool, and it said that the Park should save for a new pool for the future.

- c. Steve Duchrow and Rice summarized the findings of the **2008 Williams Architects** review of the pool. Among the highlights they cited were Williams' argument that "as maintenance costs continue to rise it is very unlikely that revenues will keep pace with expenditures," and that based on this, they do not recommend renovation of the pool. The study also cited a large number of pool features that are either out of date, unattractive, or both. The study also says that 80% of bathers spend most of their time in 3' of water or less
- d. Lisa Small presented a summary of the 2013 PHN Design Review, noting that the largest of the pool designs, for a bather load of 1,100, was \$6.4 million dollars, and that the Park District will be retiring the bond on the Sports and Rec Center in 2019.

- e. deOliveira presented **attendance data** for the years 2008-2013, along with a projection of what pool attendance would look like if the existing numbers were increased by 30%. Duchrow noted that a more-consistently full facility might be desirable since it would give the appearance of success.
- f. Steve Irving noted that, in his judgment, the **ADA Compliance** issues that the pool facility faces are more related to the community center than to the pool itself, and that many of the issues are relatively minor and could be fixed rather quickly.

**4. Survey Options**

The committee discussed possible options for gathering public input, including tools such as Survey Monkey and email

**5. Adjourn Meeting.**

Nyquist moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00, and the motion was seconded by Rice. All in attendance voted 'aye'.