

Recreation Committee met at 5:30 on 10-9 with the following agenda:

Agenda: 1) Rec Superintendent request to amend & expand Wiemann Lamphere contract scope @ Giorgetti

2) Review results of White's Pool analysis

3) Giorgetti scoping study

Attending:

Committee Members Chris Siliski, Gary Donahue, Matt Bloomer, Tom Depoy (left prior to vote) and Chairman Melinda Humphrey

Other BOA Members: Abby Brodowski, John Kiernan

Others: Brennan Duffy, Bob Peterson, Cindi Wight, Gordon Dritschilo, Sherilynn Stofka, David Roy (Weimann Lamphere)

Attachments: White's Pool analysis, original Giorgetti scoping report, Weimann Lamphere extended scope proposal

Pool Assessment

- White's Pool is 44 years old, Rotary Pool was previous municipal pool and lasted 41 years. Bob stated standard life expectancy of these structures may be closer to 30 years.
- Jay Siliski read from preliminary Weston and Samson report.
 - The current design of the pool is larger than our needs. Many items not to code, out of date or under/over sized based on current industry standards and code, including filtration system, bath house, power lines, depth markers, lifeguard towers.
 - The pool has passed it's life expectancy and repairs may equal replacement value.
 - Marcite pool finish on top of gunite is completely gone, leaving gunite/concrete permeable to water and entire structure compromised.
 - Preliminary estimate \$1 million for pool repair, not including filtration and bathhouse.
 - \$2 million was prelim estimate given for new pool at White's Park.
 - If we were to start over at White's Park location, there is a concern that we will have similar degradation issues over time due to location and known existing ground water issues.
 - Recommendation from Weston and Samson is not to fix existing structure at White's Pool. The current pool is too big for our needs, increasing chemical and heating costs even under good operating conditions. Also, under current code, the existing pool is oversized for the current bathhouse.

David Roy from Weimann Lamphere Architects then presented on Giorgetti scoping and expanded scope proposal (original Giorgetti scoping contract included presentation time)

Original Giorgetti scoping report attached

- Estimates for replacement/updating of mechanical, electrical systems and building envelope were high. Weimann Lamphere included options in report to pare down costs.
- \$2 to \$2.3 million to redevelop for hockey rink options
- Discussion during the meeting quickly went to expansion of scope rather than results of original. Discussion of original scoping report can be sent to committee by itself or along with expanded scoping results when the Board feels appropriate.

Discussion and review of request to amend and expand Wiemann Lamphere contract scope at Giorgetti

- David Roy gave brief overview of expanded scope
 - \$26k proposal to look at new pool structure and tying into locker/bath facility at the Giorgetti rink structure.
 - \$15k of analysis is with Weston Sampson to look at existing conditions at the sight, design and needs for new pool
 - \$11k is a structural analysis by Weimann Lamphere, systems and structural tie in to existing/updated structures.
- Alderman Siliski regrouped the discussion pointing out
 - White's assessment is done
 - Giorgetti scoping is done (to keep the building functional and bring it to code)
 - Question before us now- do we want to build a new pool and where?
- Alderman Humphrey asked what is needed to decommission White's Pool at current location? That will be additional cost and a separate discussion, not included in this scoping exercise.
- David Roy noted the additional scoping analysis could be completed within 2 months from approval to start.
- Superintendent Wight noted that she had been approached about potential of an indoor pool and how much additional would it cost to add this to expanded scoping study?
 - May add \$6k to the existing \$26k proposal for expanded scoping study.
- Brennan Duffy from RRA urged the BOA to spend \$32k on full study as this is a marketable asset to the city.
 - Duffy also later asked if now would be the appropriate time to spend additional funds and look at fitness facility, etc... revenue comes with these facilities and there could be modeling done to see how much of updates these revenues could offset.

- Alderman Brodowski mentioned potential for any grants or creative financing. Superintendent Wight then mentioned Sherilynn Stofka was present from Killington Aquatic Club and there would be future discussion about financial/design partnership with the club as well as Intrepid Athletics.
- Alderman Siliski noted the pool's days are numbered and if the community wants a pool, we need this analysis first. Cost for the pool would ultimately go to voters to decide on but we need information first.
- Superintendent Wight recommends costs of the scoping study be paid by the Giorgetti Fund which currently has about \$1.1 million.
- Chris noted and shared sentiments from Will Notte's emailed questions- Where does this process end? Whatever we spend now needs to give us a final path, not lead us to further study.
- Alderman Bloomer asked if there were other viable sites- rec department noted all other available sites are flood plains. He also asked if Killington Aquatic or Intrepid could sponsor part of the scoping study. Superintendent Wight said she would approach them about this.
- Alderman Donahue asked why can't the private sector do this? He noted the city is not private business.
- Alderman Brodowski said she wanted to be careful not to look too large in this study, but that is also important to note we are working for a new generation of Rutland, this is an opportunity to give and build something to the families in our community, Giorgetti is a gem. She wants to be careful of costs, though this is ultimately up to the voters to decide, she noted we should forego the fitness facility and present a middle of the road option. She is in favor of the study.
- Alderman Siliski wants to just go with the pool for the study. We can wrap our heads around it, a bigger expansion may be further along, we can spend money on that study later if it is necessary but the pool is going away now, we need to figure that out first.

Alderman Siliski moved to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen to authorize up to \$36k from the Giorgetti Trust for the purpose of a costing/design study of a municipal pool which would be located at the Giorgetti Facility. The study shall include both indoor and outdoor pool facility options.

The motion passed 3 to 1

Siliski moved to adjourn at 6:52