

Recreation Committee met on 4/23 at 5:30

In attendance for the committee- Chair Melinda Humphrey, Ed Larson and Chris Siliski

Others present- Dave Allaire, Chris Etori, Sharon Davis, Gary Donahue, William Notte, Gail Johnson, Cindi Wight, Brennan Duffy.

POOL PLANNING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES NEEDS

- Cindi Wight sought advice from Belden's and put together a list of next steps for the pool (attached)
- The focus at this time for a municipal pool is specifically an outdoor facility at the existing White's Pool location.
- The immediate next step is to go out to bid for soil evaluation at White's, initial estimate approximated at \$11k, funding source to be determined.
- Cindi will work with the City Engineer to put specs together to go out to bid within a week or so.
- Many other decisions to be made before bringing a pool ballot item to the board. Several Board Members present expressed that they would not support a special election regarding a pool facility.

The RRA is still in favor of an indoor aquatic facility and rec center with potential for higher, year round revenue at a downtown location. Concerns in the room included sustainability of O&M expenses over Capital costs, as well as the desire to look for other collaborators for such a project (YMCA, etc.).

Consensus: Rec Department will continue with pool committee's community led process focusing on an outdoor facility at the White's location. RRA will continue to look at an indoor facility in parallel, recognizing that two facilities is not the intended outcome, rather the group sees one option as a service desired in a community of our size, and the other will be marketed as an economic development opportunity.

DOG PARK UPDATE

There is a committee focusing on a fenced dog park location at Pine Hill Park, between (not inclusive of) the lower and middle Giorgetti trails. The entrance to the park would be behind the arena, across the fields, separate from existing Pine Hill Park entrance.

The League of Cities and Towns has indicated that they are in favor of a fenced dog park over an off leash program.

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Pool Next Steps

1. Test Boring and Site Evaluation.
2. Survey the property for existing conditions.
3. Develop a concept and program of how the pool will be used, and different layouts
4. Once concept is accepted, develop plans to roughly 50%.
5. Send 50% plans for cost estimating.
6. Any Permitting needed on the project.

7. Evaluated the cost estimate and value engineer as needed.
8. Develop Drawings to 95%, and issued for cost estimating.
9. Evaluate the cost estimate and value engineer as needed.
10. Construction Documents.
11. Bidding.