



AQUATICS ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MINUTES

City of Aurora & Fox Valley Park District

March 15, 2022 10:00AM

Cole Administration Center 101 W. Illinois Avenue, Aurora

1.0 Call Meeting to Order

President Broholm called the meeting to order at 10:03AM.

2.0 Roll Call

President Broholm directed the Board Secretary to take attendance by roll call. The following members of the Aquatics Administrative Board were present: Marea Clement and President Broholm. Excused absent: Scheketa Hart-Burns and Robert O'Connor. Absent: Sherman Jenkins. A quorum was not present. Also present: Executive Director Jim Pilmer, Directors Halverson, Ijams, Kramer, Michael, Paprocki, and Palmquist, Sandie Gilmer, Jessica Ramos, and Viktoria Orosz.

3.0 Addenda to the Agenda

None presented.

4.0 Minutes

4.1 Approve meeting minutes from November 2, 2021.

Due to lack of quorum, no action was taken.

5.0 Continued Business

6.0 Financial Reports

6.1 Approve Statement of Revenues & Expenses for Period October 2021 through December 2021.

Due to lack of quorum, no action was taken.

6.2 Approve Statement of Revenues & Expenses for January 2022.

Due to lack of quorum, no action was taken.

6.3 Approve List of Bills for Months of November and December 2021 in the amount of \$109,638.06.

Due to lack of quorum, no action was taken.

6.4 Approve List of Bills for Months of January and February 2022 in the amount of \$64,721.71.

Due to lack of quorum, no action was taken.

7.0 New Business

7.1 Ratify surveillance equipment purchase and installation in the amount of \$28,460 from Chicago Communications LLC for Phillips Park Family Aquatic Center.

Due to lack of quorum, no action was taken.

7.2 Recreation Report

Jaime Ijams presented an update on the current hiring information for aquatics:

- Hourly rates for swim instructors, slide attendants, lifeguards and the Outdoor Aquatics Manager were increased.

- New efforts are being made to recruit including a referral program, increased promotional materials and hiring events and a Lifeguard prep course.
- Three different scenarios were presented for the opening of the outdoor parks based on staffing levels including variations on park hours, keeping both parks open, keeping Phillips Park Family Aquatic Center open for swim lessons and after-hour rentals, opening parks on a limited basis, closing PPFAC completely, and closing Splash Country completely. A decision will be made by staff based on staffing levels at the opening date draws near.
- Currently, staffing goals are at 37%.
- Opening dates for the summer season (based on staffing goals being reached): Splash opens for Memorial Day weekend only, then opens June 4-August 7. PPAC opens June 4-August 14, then weekends only August 20-21, 27-28, and Sept 3-5.

7.3 Executive Director's Report

Director Pilmer gave a general overview of the state of outdoor aquatics and the nature of the aquatics agreement between the City of Aurora and the Fox Valley Park District. He thanked District staff for their professionalism and dedication to making outdoor aquatics as successful as possible under the hiring climate circumstances and the challenges facing the District.

President Broholm asked about hiring senior citizens for lifeguard positions. This has and continues to be explored, however, there are challenges with finding candidates that can pass the rigorous lifeguard testing process. He also asked about the possibility of raising admission fees. It was determined that based on area competition, our District pricing is in line with amenities offered.

8.0 Adjourn

President Broholm adjourned the meeting at 10:59AM.

Respectfully submitted by:



*Kim Nooncaster
Board Secretary*