



LAKE PARK SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

2032 2nd Street, Lake Park, MN 56554

April 16th, 2024 - 12:00 pm

A. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

- Meeting called to order by Mayor John Beaudine at 12:00 p.m. at the Lake Park Community Pool.
- **Members Present:** Jon Anderson, John Beaudine, Britney Ronning, and Aaron Wittrock
- **Members Absent:** Kayla Mayer
- **Staff:** Tammy Charbonneau, Todd Frank, and Sarah Mikkelsen
- **Contracted:** N/A
- **Media:** N/A
- **Guests:** Dan Dumas

B. POOL

1. Pool Inspector's Findings –

- a. One critical issue identified during the inspection was the state of the deck area adjacent to the pool. The deteriorated condition poses a safety hazard, increasing the risk of accidents such as tripping and potential injuries to pool users.
- b. Upon removal of the concrete, additional concerns emerged. The external supports on the pool walls exhibited signs of rust and detachment, compromising the structural integrity of the pool. In addition, the plumbing system is old and does not meet current engineering code, requiring updating of the plumbing system as well as the equipment room.
- c. There are thousands of spider cracks in the sides of the pool that may be causing leaking.
- d. These findings should be taken seriously. The primary concern is the well-being and safety of the community members who utilize the pool facilities.

2. Pool Inspector's Recommendations for Consideration – Recommend temporarily closing the pool for the 2024 season to allow time for thorough planning and implementation of chosen course of action.

- a. **Construction of a New Pool** – Construct a smaller pool within the existing pool, with a 5-foot-deep end, ensuring the entire pool is fully usable. Rules are one person per 20 square feet.
- b. **Exploration of Splash Pad** – The challenge of not having funding for yearly recurring operational costs, which include lifeguards, makes this a viable option. This would offer an extended operational season, minimal maintenance, and lower operational costs without the expense of paying employees.
- c. **Maintenance and Fundraising Efforts of Existing Pool** – Prioritize community led fundraising initiatives and grant applications. However, it's crucial to acknowledge that recurring maintenance costs, such as leak detection and repair, would continue to pose financial challenges over time.
- d. **Create Wants/Needs List** – Options will be researched and Council will identify the pros and cons of each option, narrow down how we will proceed, and then identify the operational costs.

M/S/CU: Wittrock/Anderson to approve canceling repairs on the pool and closing it for the season.

Mikkelsen and Frank will draft a communication to the city residents.

C. ADJOURNMENT –

M/S/CU: Ronning/Anderson to adjourn meeting at 1:00 p.m.