



Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Aquatics Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: May 4, 2011

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Somerset West Swim Center

In Attendance

Committee Members:

Jon Schieltz, Julia Kegg, Kathy Johnson, Kristina Britton, Janel Hill, and Lorene Sjoblom

Staff:

Ross Van Sickle, Brian Powers and Sharon Hoffmeister

I. Call to Order

Jon opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

Julia moved to accept the minutes from the April 6, 2011 meeting, with corrections, adding Janel Hill to the voting. Kristina seconded the motion. Committee members approved the minutes.

III. Financial Report

Current balance as of April 30, 2011 is \$21,973.25.

IV. Old Business

Proposed Changes to the Family Assistance Program: Staff sent the chart of the income levels as requested in their April 6th meeting along with the information provided by the Director of Communications & Outreach. The Committee members reviewed the information provided and although they understand the Park District's need to control the growth of the program, they are of the same opinion as expressed at their April 6th meeting:

1. Regarding \$50 per quarter for each family member, the Committee members are concerned that there are few programs that \$50 will cover. Additionally, they felt that those on Family Assistance may only be able to sign their child up for programs in the summer months and if they wanted a camp, for example, the \$50 would not provide the needed assistance in order for them to participate.

2. The Committee members were also concerned with the tiered approach with the two qualifying income levels. Those who qualify under the Federal Free Meal guidelines would need to buy-in at 5% or 10%. These families may not have the extra funds to "buy-in" in order to access the funds they would qualify for the new Program.

The Committee members felt strongly that the increased demand on the program is indicative of those who are currently struggling and need the Family Assistance Program in order to participate. Therefore, the Aquatics Advisory Committee is not supportive of the proposed changes, until the economy improves.

V. New Business

Reclassification/Renaming Project: The Committee members understand the need to better identify Park District properties, describing the sites and their amenities for their intended use, especially parks/wetlands/natural areas. They did not understand the need to rename the pools. To them, "Aquatic Center" describes a facility with unique amenities, which describes the Aquatic Center and Conestoga. They feel "Swim Center" best describes our remaining pools. Additionally, the "Somerset West Recreation Complex" is a bit grandiose for the site and would be misleading.

They also felt that the renaming project and subsequent sign replacement should be addressed as new properties come into use or as signs need replacing. With budgets so tight and the consideration of controlling

the growth of the Family Assistance Program, the investment in new signs, should be postponed until a later time when the economy improves and not so many of our District residents need assistance in order to participate in Park District programs.

Status of Approved Purchases: Staff provided an updated chart detailing the purchases approved in February. All purchases have either been completed or are on order. We are awaiting additional information regarding the emergency pull chains for the family dressing rooms.

Purchase Requests:

Beaverton Swim Center received a donation of \$1,600 for the purchase of a suit spinner. The amount of the donation does not cover the cost of the unit and entire cost of installation. Staff is requesting an additional \$150 in order to complete the installation of the suit spinner. Kristina moved to approve the additional \$150. Lorene seconded the motion. Roll call proceeded as follows:

Julia Kegg	Yes
Jon Schieltz	Yes
Lorene Sjoblom	Yes
Kristina Britton	Yes
Kathy Johnson	Yes
Janel Hill	Yes

Aloha Swim Center's pace clock stopped working last fall and instead of purchasing a new pace clock at that time, staff brought the pace clock from Somerset over, since it would not be needed until summer. Staff is requesting \$482 in order to replace Somerset's pace clock. Jon asked about the digital clocks like we have at the Aquatic Center. Staff reminded the Committee members that they had received a request from the Beaverton Swim Center for a digital pace clock one year ago at a cost of \$900 at the time, it was deemed too expensive. Jon asked staff to inquire if any of the pools would like digital pace clocks. Staff will check with the Center Supervisors. Janel moved to approve \$482 for a new pace clock. Kristina seconded the motion. Roll call proceeded as follows:

Julia Kegg	Yes
Jon Schieltz	Yes
Lorene Sjoblom	Yes
Kristina Britton	Yes
Kathy Johnson	Yes
Janel Hill	Yes

Registration Survey Results: Staff distributed the survey results from the recent registration survey. In summary, the respondents were supportive of earlier registrations for fall and winter, but maintain the Saturday as opening day for registration.

VI. Other

Reports from Committee members and staff:

Kathy Johnson, Sunset Swim Center: Spring enrollment on Monday/Wednesday/Friday mornings is down a little, but attendance in Aquarobics is up. Summer enrollment is looking very good. Staffing is also looking good for summer. Many staff members are returning therefore no new hires for Sunset. The Wading Pool will open June 20.

Ross Van Sickle, Temporary Center Supervisor, Aquatic Center: Laurie will be returning on Monday from her temporary reassignment at Harman. The Rose Cup, a Junior National qualifier, was a great success. Probably the biggest tournament THWPC has hosted in years. The THSC's Spring Open swim meet is this weekend. We are expecting nearly 700 participants. May 20-22, Synchro will be hosting a Regional Synchro Meet. Our weekend open swims are getting busier.

Julia Kegg, Harman Swim Center: Sabrina will be back from maternity leave next week. The showerheads continue to generate complaints. Staff will be switching back to the previous showerheads. May is Water Safety Awareness month and at Harman we are doing a fitness challenge. May 16 and 18, work on the parking lot will be completed. The church next door is allowing use of their parking lot on these dates.

Jon Schieltz, Beaverton Swim Center: The suit spinner has been ordered as well as the hand dryers. The Maintenance staff is working on the front office remodel. Staff has cleared the waitlists for the Tuesday/Thursday classes as well as the Monday/Wednesday/Friday classes.

Committee members requested to bring the list of capital items that will not be funded at the pools in next year's budget, to the June 1st meeting.

- VII. **Next Meeting will be held on** Wednesday, June 1st currently schedule for Raleigh Swim Center; however, location may change due to weather. Staff will notify Committee members of any changes.

With all business concluded, Janel moved to adjourn the meeting, Julia seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hoffmeister
Recording Secretary