

Public Lands & Buildings Committee

The Public Lands & Buildings Committee met on Monday, October 21, 2019 in the Conference Room of the Lyndhurst Municipal Center.

Committee members present were Council members Jeff Price, David Frey and Steve Grushetsky. Also present were Council members Joe Gambatese, Joe Marko, Chuck LoPresti, Mayor Patrick Ward, Director of Law Paul Murphy, Director of Finance Mary Kovalchik and Director of Service Tony Fioritto.

It was noted neither the Pool Director nor Pool Supervisor were able to attend the meeting due to schedule conflicts; however, they did provide an end of season report to the Finance Director.

Chairman Price called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm, stating the purpose is to discuss the pool operations for the past season. He then turned the meeting over to Mrs. Kovalchik for her financial reporting. A copy of the 2019 Aquatics Report will be filed with the meeting minutes.

Mrs. Kovalchik reported revenues were down across the board for both the Lyndhurst Pool and Brainard Spray Ground this season. She attributed the decrease in revenues to the weather conditions and the added concessions operation. Mrs. Kovalchik reported that while salaries were down at the pool, they were up at the Spray Park partly due to additional maintenance work being performed. She also said pool pass sales were down over the previous year as well as pool party sales.

Regarding the daily admissions, Mrs. Kovalchik stated the pool staff reported difficulty differentiating between residents and non-resident guests at the front gate. They suggested the fee be uniformly \$6, rather than the current \$5 for residents and \$7 for non-residents. Councilman Frey voiced concern over raising the fee for residents at the front gate.

Mayor Ward acknowledged this was the first year for the change in the admission policy and while there may have been challenges at the front gate, the amount of pull outs at the pool reduced significantly. He noted the Spray Park continues to be very popular, especially with non-residents.

Councilman Frey inquired about issues with the infrastructure at the Spray Park. Mr. Fioritto stated while there have been no major repairs needed, there will be in the coming years. He also mentioned the pump room will need to be re-configured. Mr. Fioritto stated a new boiler will be needed at the pool.

Mayor Ward commented they will be performing a walk-through at both facilities, once the work is completed at the pool.

Mrs. Kovalchik stated there were no capital requests at this time from the Pool Director.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Price, Chairman