

January 27, 2025 Pool Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting started at 1:30 PM and concluded at 2:45 PM

In attendance were:

Karl Blunden
Barbara Condos
Hali Edison
Russell Green
Gayle Horn
Cathy Pickar
Matthew Zaft—Chair
Debbie Heller—Councilmember liaison
EJ Hardwick—Town Manager
Justin Burgett—Deputy Town Manager

Absent were:

Alexis Ettinger
Walt Whalen
Helen Carter—American Pools—contract not in place
Gerald Seawright—American Pools—contract not in place

1. Approved the October Minutes
2. Update from ~~American Pools~~ EJ & Justin
 - ***EJ still collecting/going through bids. He hopes to present at the Feb Council meeting with a vote then or at the Work Session. Matt reiterated the need in the future to have this done sooner to allow for scheduling of lifeguard training for resident kids who want to work at the pool/be junior coaches.***
 - ***Pool opening/inspection—EJ said opening is set for Friday the weekend prior to Memorial Day with closing the last Sunday in September. He said he will work with the Pool management company once determined to ensure no delays due to inspection. Matt brought up the water fountain fill station and ensuring it is working properly.***
 - ***Poles for the backstroke flags—EJ and Justin said they will work with the Pool management company once determined to purchase.***
 - ***EJ said that the Pool bridge repair is much more extensive than originally thought and will be part of the larger Town wide capital improvements. He said that the temporary fix will NOT delay the pool opening.***
 - ***EJ said that the Permanent Shade Structure is still part of the Town's plans but not until after this Pool season. EJ said that it should be completed prior to the Pool opening in 2026.***
 - ***EJ said that Solar Panels are to be installed on the Pool House. He said this should only take two days to complete prior to opening.***
3. Management contract—open and close dates—***EJ said that opening the Friday the weekend prior to Memorial Day and closing the last Sunday in September will be part of all contracts going forward.***
4. Pool Rules—***no updates***
5. Update on open items from October meeting:
 - Vending Machines @ the Pool —***Justin is working on this along with the Youth Council***
 - Basketball hoop netting—***Justin is working on this with a goal of installing it in the spring.***
 - Ice Pod—***no update***
 - Tree droppings on the back left corner of the deck (***at the September meeting Debbie suggested we add to our budget a request to purchase a second tent to cover the area when the current tent has to be***

moved. Barbara brought up the permanent shade structure proposed instead of the large white tent which, if done, would then allow us to repurpose that tent.). EJ said that the Town Arborist is examining all the trees around the Pool. Hali expressed concern for the brand new deck being stained by the droppings. EJ and Justin promised to ensure the trees are trimmed throughout the summer to prevent droppings on the Pool deck.

6. Budget request—**\$3,000 total**
 - Tent—**\$0**
 - Olympics—**\$1,000**
 - Baby Pool additions—**\$20 for a toddler basketball net and toddler slide**
 - Ping Pong Tournament—**\$0**
 - Stroke & Technique Clinic—**\$500**
 - Master's swim—**\$0**
 - August kids Swim Clinic—**\$1,000**
 - Teen Night—**Youth Council to make request**
 - Poles for backstroke flags *EJ and Justin said they will work with Pool management company once determined to purchase. Funds not to come from the Pool Committee budget.*
 - *Additional possible programming—\$480*
7. Composting—*unanimously voted to recommend that the Town explore composting at the Pool but only if the lifeguards are not required to facilitate it.*
8. Survey comments—*Tabled to next meeting*
9. *Hali & Russell agreed to evaluate pool usage throughout the summer utilizing data from this year.*
10. Next meeting—**TBD**