

CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO
PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.
SPECIAL MEETING ON POOL HOURS
MGC - 2ND FLOOR ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM
201 WEST WATER STREET

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cathy Oda, Patty Vogt, Denise Uhlenbrock, Keith Grau, Jim Cruse and Deb Osborne

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Perando and Andrew Higgins

STAFF PRESENT: Rob Stanford, Recreation Coordinator

GUEST PRESENT: None

ITEM NO. 1: CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Park Board Chairperson Cathy Oda called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.

ITEM NO. 2: POOL DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION

The board reviewed the following cost savings and marketing options previously discussed to help minimize the subsidy of the pool.

Reduction of Hours:

It was discussed that Fridays and Saturdays after 5:00 P.M. receive very low attendance as does Sunday prior to 1:00 P.M. It was recommended that the pool not remain open during these times.

Friday and Saturday Rentals:

With the possibility of closing the pool early on Friday and Saturday evenings, the opportunity for additional rentals is created. Currently rentals are only available Monday through Thursday from 7:45-9:45 P.M. By closing at 5:00 on Friday and Saturday, rentals can be offered from 5:15-7:15 P.M. without increasing staff demand. This will potentially bring in additional revenue. It was discussed whether these dates should have an increased fee as they should be more desirable. It was decided to keep the rate the same as other rentals in order to better compare desirability.

Stay Open Late One Weeknight:

Comments have been received that we are not open late enough on weeknights to accommodate some resident's schedules. In attempt to determine the desirability of later hours the option of staying open later on one weeknight evening was discussed. It was determined that this would provide beneficial statistics and would add a new feature to hopefully attract more patrons. The cost of offering this is offset by opening later on Sunday and takes a proven low use time and replaces it with a possible high use time. It was determined that Thursday would be the best day to offer this.

Additional Options:

Other additional considerations were discussed, but it was determined not to pursue them at this time. It was determined that implementation would be difficult with current resources and that too many changes would prevent us from being able to accurately compare 2010 numbers to previous years.

Debra Osborne made a motion to recommend to the City Manager and Commission that the hours of operation be changed to Monday-Wednesday 11:30 A.M. - 7:30 P.M., Thursday 11:30 A.M. - 9:00 P.M., Friday and Saturday 11:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. and Sunday from 1:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. with rentals being offered from 5:15 P.M. - 7:15 P.M. on Friday and Saturday at the current rate. Jim Cruse seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM NO. 3: ADJOURN

Denise Uhlenbrock motioned and Patty Vogt seconded to adjourn, the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Minutes as prepared by Rob Stanford