

**CITY OF ROCKPORT
MINUTES
SWIMMING POOL OPERATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**3:30 p.m., Monday, April 22, 2019
Parks Department Office
402 E. Laurel, Rockport, Texas**

On the 22nd day of April 2019, the Swimming Pool Operations Advisory Committee convened at 3:30 p.m. at the Parks Office located at 402 E. Laurel, and notice of meeting, giving time, place, date and subject, was posted in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Section 551.041.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.D. Villa-Chairperson
Rick Martinez, City of Rockport Director of Parks & Leisure Services
Brian Olsen

OTHERS PRESENT:

Joe Riekers, Community Aquatics & Skate Park Manager
Brittany Elkins, Administrative & Special Events Assistant
Charlene Drake
Bonnie Bullis
Evalee Von Villas
Mike Oakley
Cisco Willison
Wendy Laubach

1. Call Meeting to Order.

With a quorum of Committee Members present, the Meeting of the Swimming Pool Operations Advisory Committee was called to order at 3:34 pm by chair J.D. Villa on April 22, 2019, at the Parks Department Office, 402 E. Laurel, Rockport, Texas.

2. Citizens to be Heard.

At this time, comments will be taken from the audience on any subject matter that is not on the agenda. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the Committee may not discuss or take action on any items that have not been posted on the agenda.

3. Deliberate and act on approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2019.

MOTION: Committee Member Olsen introduced a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of the October 15, 2018 minutes as written. Committee Member Martinez seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

4. Hear and deliberate on financial report for the period October 2018 through March 2019.

Mr. Riekers made mention that the financials through the second quarter are slightly behind the figures from last year. Overall, they look good. This seems to be the trend going into the summer, when we can anticipate having more expenses, especially in the part-time line. Mr. Martinez mentioned that the chemical is only at about half of what it was from the same time last year, partly because of the switching of chemicals. He also mentioned that the real test in saving chemicals will be the summer, when because of the bather load and heat require more chemical.

5. Hear and deliberate on Friends of the Pool Report, including fundraising plans and special programs.

Charlene Drake stated the Sharks have a balance of \$12,719.99 and the Friends of the Pool have a balance of \$6,887.97. Committee Member Olsen asked how many kids are utilizing the free swim lessons. Mr. Riekers stated there are about 100 children signed up for the swim lessons and 13 adults signed up for the free adult swim classes through another grant. Committee Member Olsen stated it was a great service provided and he is glad to see so many children utilizing the service. Charlene Drake stated there are no planned fundraising events but there will be a meeting soon to discuss and upcoming events. Bonnie Bullis stated the Friends of the Pool were coming up with a creative incentive program to entice junior guards to show up and volunteer hours at the pool.

6. Hear and deliberate on ADA accessible sidewalk.

Mr. Riekers stated there are two patrons who frequently visit the pool in motor chairs and they drive up the curb and through the grassy area and on more than one occasion they have tipped or have been stuck. He also stated that children from the middle school will use it to cross over to the pool parking lot to access the trails to walk home. This was paid for by the Castaways grant money which was authorized for safety and accessibility for ADA accessible sidewalk connecting the current sidewalk from the school to the parking lot of the pool with signage in place. Mr. Martinez stated he is working with the City streets department to place the cross walk on the road, and instead of using paint, they will use the melt down emblem and burn it onto the pavement.

7. Hear and deliberate on shade structure to be installed over the Splash Pool slides.

Mr. Martinez stated that Mr. Riekers gathered quotes and the shade structures have been ordered. The structure will be installed by the parks crew or bided out locally, depending on the workload. The grant money for safety and accessibility will also be funding this shade structure.

8. Hear and deliberate on Aquatics Manager Operations Report, including staffing, equipment and facility maintenance, special events and programs.

Pool Manager Riekers stated a total of 4 guards and 1 office attendant leaving which leaves 9 guards to start the Summer. There are job announcements posted for available positions at the

pool and we hope to fill them quickly. He stated the city approved the positions to be temporary full time which will give the guards the ability to work 40 hours a week for 90 consecutive days. The pool hosted two new lifeguard classes in which no one showed up to the first one and the second date has not received any sign ups. The staff reached out and found out the kids were still in school and the timing was not right for them. The classes are now being offered the first week of Summer. Mr. Riekers stated the events are the swim lessons and the late night on the 4th of July, but with the shortage of guards there is not much they can offer yet. He stated the pool received the two new pumps and the heater was successfully installed with no problems arising. The pool staff along with the parks crew have been working closely on cleaning and maintaining the facility. Mr. Martinez stated he has been approached by members of the public to open the pool on Mondays, but he firmly believes Mondays need to be set aside for routine maintenance days but will consider opening for special events in the evenings.

9. Hear and deliberate on items for inclusion on next agenda.

Items for inclusion include changing meeting days to the fourth Monday and introducing a new commissioner on the Pool Committee – Wendy Laubach.

9. Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 4:17pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be July 15, 2019, at 3:30 p.m. at the Parks Department Office located at 402 E. Laurel St.

**SWIMMING POOL OPERATIONS
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.D. Villa", is written over a horizontal line.

J.D. Villa, Chairman

Parks and Leisure Services
Pool Committee Meeting Attendance Chart

Visitors Attending

Date: April / 22 / 2019

(PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME)

- 1) Brittany Elkins
- 2) Charlene Drake
- 3) Bonnie Bullis
- 4) Evaloe Von Villas
- 5) Mike Oakley
- 6) Wendy Labach
- 7) Cisco Willison
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Parks and Leisure Services
Meeting Attendance Record
Pool Committee Members

Date: April / 22 / 2019

Pool Committee Members Attending this date:

- 1) Brian Olsen
- 2) Rick Martinez
- 3) J.D. Villa
- 4) Joe Riekers
- 5) _____
- 6) _____
- 7) _____