

Rec Committee Meeting 11/30 5PM

Committee members present: Chris Siliski, Tom Depoy, Matt Bloomer, chaired by Melinda Humphrey

Others; Charles Romeo, David Allaire, Cindi Wight, Brennan Duffy, Maureen White, Tom Cohen, Melissa Patterson, Keith Wight, Bob Peterson, Jay Thomas, Mark Mariano, Bill Looett, Ron Hemenway, Becky Sowards, Bob Perkins, Molly Nitka

Municipal Pool Update

Chris Siliski moved to add to agenda the consideration of a bonding item for a municipal pool. Motion passed 3-0.

Superintendent Wight gave update on pool process to date and shared design renderings from contractor Weston and Sampson. She summarized the process brought the committee to a final design that includes two pools- a competition pool and a family friendly pool with slide, diving board and spray park elements, and features zero entry.

Discussion followed about efficiency of two pools versus one. Design committee members as well as the contractor explained that each pool has its own pump system and fulfills specific and different needs, ultimately leading to added flexibility at the facility as well as more effective and convenient maintenance. Designing all of the amenities into a single pool would pose its own unique challenges.

Superintendent Wight then gave a financial overview of the potential project. The cost to the average tax payer, based on a \$150k home would be \$25.75/yr to support \$2.5 million bond. Current operational costs passed on to the same average tax payer are over \$8/yr, the new facility would be about \$6/yr. Operational costs include regularly and long term scheduled maintenance over the life of the pool. The Rec Department recommends to the Board of Aldermen to put a bond question on the March 2016 ballot to fund a municipal pool.

Discussion amongst board members included the concern of adding a bond expense to the list of upward pressure on taxes. Many acknowledged that, though countered other pressures will always exist and a municipal pool will add value and quality of life to the city, ultimately being another tool in the shed to attract and retain taxpayers.

Tom Depoy made a motion to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen to pass a resolution to place a bond question on the March 2016 ballot for the purpose of funding the construction of an outdoor municipal pool at White's park with a 20 year bond, not to exceed \$2.5 million. Motion passed 4-0.

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White Pool

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**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
RESOLUTION**

Authorizing a Bond Question for Construction of a Municipal Pool at White's Park

WHEREAS, the City of Rutland has had an outdoor public pool since 1929; and

WHEREAS, the pool at White's Park closed in 2014 as it needed significant repairs estimated to cost \$1.3 million; and

WHEREAS, there was an 11-month process to solicit public input on the future of a public pool which included public meetings, surveys, and aldermanic committee meetings; and

WHEREAS, that input indicated overwhelming support for continuing to have a public pool in the City; and

WHEREAS, the same input desired a family-sized pool to be built at White's Park to include features such as zero-entry, a diving board, a slide, and suitable for competitions and swim lessons; and

WHEREAS, a pool meeting these needs, along with a new bath-house and filtration updates, has been designed and construction costs have been set at \$2.5 million; and

WHEREAS, that cost will be too great to be paid out of the ordinary annual income and revenue of the City;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Rutland, that the public interest or necessity requires the construction of a new municipal pool, costs of such construction is not to exceed \$2,500,000.00 and such costs are authorized to be paid through a bond issue to be placed before the voters on March 1, 2016 as follows:

"Shall the bonds of the City of Rutland be issued in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.00 with a 20-year term, for the purpose of funding construction of an outdoor municipal pool at White's Park?"

Adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, April 20, 2015.

William Nottle, President

Sharon Davis

Christopher Siliski

Thomas DePoy

Christopher Ettori

Matthew Bloomer

Jon Skates

Edward Larson

Melinda Humphrey

Gary Donahue

David Allaire