

Recreation Commission Meeting
5/13/2020
Zoom Meeting

DATE: August 17, 2020
TIME: 2:05 PM

Commission Attendees: Anthony Ferrante, Cortney Eldridge, Marsha Semuels, Kathy Jones, David Kane, Anne Helgen, Mary Bradley, Melissa Hart
Town Attendees: Jon Marshall, Chris Costello, Heidi Barberio, Brandon Fitts
Select Board Liaison: Adam Dash

Review and accept minutes from 4/23/20: unanimously approved – Anthony, Dave, Cortney, Anne, Marsha, Kathy

Future meeting dates:
6/10 5:30pm

Pool update:

- Jon: the Town continues learning from Outdoor Recreation Advisory Task Force (subcommittee of governors reopening committees)
 - Planning on opening beaches, summer camps
- First thing to tackle was the finances – significant impact
 - Estimated costs: Roughly \$125k; at what point can we break even?
 - Discussed break even and price sensitivity analysis
- We will need to control (limit) the number of people in the pool
 - One solution: 1 hour 45 minute time blocks, which provides 15 minute transition period
 - On average, we'd need 50 people to come in; the bather load is 350; at 20% we can handle 70 people but we want to perhaps limit capacity even from there
 - We'd have to charge \$14/person
 - Family pass was \$350 – now a family of 5 would be \$70 for one visit for 1:45 time block
- Last year we had 35k admissions
- We would NOT be open on the weekends
- This is based on a 9-week schedule
- David: can we get feedback from the town/folks who have come before and see what their cost barrier might be?
- Jon: the spread is pretty consistent across days (weekday vs weekends)
- We'd be open 10-6pm
- We cannot conduct lessons this year
- We would give preference to Belmont residence
- Adam: would like to take this up at the Select Board on Monday night
- DCR is planning on opening pools – nothing official

Questions

- Could we open on the weekends but NOT open one or two weekdays?
 - weekends are nearly 2x more expensive to operate because of weekend overtime
- Could we do a family pass? How does the pass/structure work?
 - Will need to do a little more evaluation and analysis
 - Attendees would need to sign up online ahead of the time they'd like to go
- How does the partnership with the camps (if this is even happening) going to work?

- no camp partnerships this year – logistically it's too challenging
- If the day is forecast to be below some threshold of temperature or some forecast, can we save money/cut costs by not opening?
- June 29th would be the earliest we can open
- How do we handle logistics?
 - once folks have been checked in, we'll redeploy them and help support the logistics, like ensuring folks have facemasks on if they're not in the pool; making sure hand sanitizer is being used
- What is the bather load per bathroom required
- Question from audience Kristi Armstrong: Could we solicit feedback from the town, like via Belmont Parents FB page? Could we get HS volunteers for community service to help implement the rules? What is the process for making the decision?
 - We'd need a motion to provide recommendation for do we want to open vs not (assuming Public Health allows it)
- Can we do a family pass (maybe \$350 per family) that does not guarantee access (and no refunds)
- Last year, 595 family memberships

Minimum number of showers: 1 per 40 bathers

Number of bathrooms: can't find the information at this time

Recreation commission motion:

The Recreation Commission recommends opening the pool for a 9-week season this summer provided the pool can operate within the federal, state, and local health guidelines. Based on the discussion and models, we expect that projected revenues will cover the projected expenses for the season.

Approves:

Anthony yes

Kathy yes

David yes

Cortney yes

Mary yes

Marsha yes

Melissa yes

Anne yes

No denies or abstains

Summer Programs

- Recognize Brandon, Chris, and Heidi's work to keep recreation programming moving
- Anticipate camps will be open this summer and are trying to certify the SKIP program as a day camp so it can also run

New Website/Logo

New website should be up in June

Launch a new logo at the same time

Fields

Postpone discussion till next meeting

Belmont Together

Live event starting at 7

An opportunity to bring people together virtually

Meeting adjourned 7:06pm.