

Weston Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2020
4:00pm-5:20pm
Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 932 893 7943

Present: Laura Azzam, Chair
Dr. David Kominz, Member
Dr. Elisabeth DiPietro, Member
Wendy Diotalevi, R.S., Public Health Director
Beth Ann Boles, R.S, Health Agent
Michele Schuckel, R.N., COVID-19 Response Team Public Health Nurse

Others: Chris Fitzgerald, Weston Recreation Director

I. Memorial Pool Renovation Discussion

Chris Fitzgerald joined the meeting this afternoon to address his concerns and questions with the Board pertaining to the Memorial Pool Renovations that are proposed to take place in the next couple of years of 2023/2025. The mandatory renovations include replacing the aging filters and any necessary repairs to the facility which is at a rough estimate of \$500,000.00 - \$2.2 million. A couple of extra items they are looking at would possibly include expanding concessions, maybe add another water play feature, and lastly looking at expanding the bathhouse for compliance with the Department of Public Health's Pool Regulations. The bathhouse would provide adequate showers, water closets and washing stations as previously discussed in 2016. The new bathhouse feature however, would bring the budget to about \$4.6 million. Mr. Fitzgerald is asking how important is it to the Board to upgrade the bathhouse for compliance with the Pool Regulations due to the large price difference.

Public Health Director Wendy Diotalevi stated that the pool has been operating this way for years. The facility has operated safely and environmentally safe as well. Ms. Diotalevi does not see that changing it would be a requirement and a bathhouse renovation wouldn't be necessary at this time. However, she asked Mr. Fitzgerald to check with the Building Inspector to see if this project would require anything additional within his regulations. Chair Laura Azzam indicated that she misses the pool this summer and agrees with Ms. Diotalevi that the community doesn't need the expansion of showers and bathrooms at the facility.

A brief discussion of food operations included a simple menu, the concessions set-up, equipment and the possibility of utilizing the commercial dishwasher up at the Recreation Department kitchen for sanitizing. The plumbing will need to be addressed with any additional sinks and waste produced in the food area.

The Board of Health members agree with Ms. Diotalevi that the proposed plan makes sense to leave the facility alone and not enforce the requirement of the bathhouse unless the Building Inspector requires an upgrade. Mr. Fitzgerald will check in with the Building Department.

II. Director's Report – COVID-19 Update

Public Health Director Wendy Diotalevi introduced the Board to Michele Schuckel, R.N. who will be acting as the COVID-19 Response Team Public Health Nurse while Jane Brown is on leave. Ms. Schuckel informed the Board that she has been working with the

schools (public and private) in addition with Regis College. Ms. Schuckel informed the Board that at the Department of Public Health's conference call today it was announced that a new map was made available online to provide community level data on the spread of COVID-19. Communities are either in white, green, yellow, and red depending on the average daily case rate that is reported within a given period of time.

The Weston Public Schools are developing a group of public health professional to help assist in the return to school planning. Ms. Schuckel will be participating and Board Member Dr. DiPietro indicated she'd be available to assist as well.

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Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 4:00PM (Zoom Meeting)

III. **Adjourn**