

Attendance: Leon Davis, Teresa Hatten, Irvin Arnold, Bruce Bestul, Superintendent Mike Clendenen, Aquatics Director Kim Yoh and Steve Harants by phone

SPECIAL PARK BOARD MEETING

Minutes

Monday, May 11, 2020

6:00 P.M.

Location: **New Haven Community Center**

1. Call to Order
 - A. Please Silence Cell Phones, Pagers, and Electronic Devices
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance

REASON FOR SPECIAL MEETING:

1. Jury Pool Discussion
 - Superintendent Clendenen read a prepared statement regarding the 2020 season for Jury Pool and trying to operate with restrictions due to COVID-19.
 - Aquatics Director Kim Yoh shared her concerns regarding operating Jury Pool during a pandemic, discussion followed.
 - Bruce Bestul made a motion not to open Jury Pool to the public for the 2020 season. Irvin Arnold seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm

Jury Pool 2020 Season Statement

One of the more difficult decisions we have had to make during this pandemic is what to do regarding opening Jury Pool. Our normal pool operating season is Memorial Day weekend until mid-August. With staff shortage we had looked at mid-June as a possible opening date. On May 1st Governor Holcomb released the Back on Track Indiana plan and phase Stage 3 of this plan stated community pools could open May 24th according to CDC guidance. The Indiana State Board of Health provided this guidance through the Allen County Board of Health on May 5th. Recommendations include operating at 50% capacity which in our case is 364 patrons, we average over 500 in the past. We need to enable & promote social distancing keeping patrons who are not in the same household 6' apart, facility employees must wear face coverings when in areas accessible to patrons, the only exception is lifeguards once in the chair. CDC recommends the use of face coverings by patrons and should enforce this expectation by signage and direct supervision by staff who are not guards. No one should wear face covers in the water.

Signage or waiver must include "The danger of contracting COVID-19 exists if you choose to enter this aquatic facility".

We hire 60-70 teenagers to work the pool and I do not feel comfortable asking them to work in this kind of environment.

Based on significant restrictions on operations, attendance, and strict social distancing requirements, we cannot safely and responsibly open the pool this year. It saddens me to have to make this recommendation, but our priority is the safety of our staff, residents, and visitors to the pool.

I am recommending that the Board vote to not open Jury Pool to the public in 2020.

Mike Clendenen
Park Superintendent