

November 11, 2022

TO: City Council Member Sasha Naiman, Chair
Parks and Recreation Committee of City Council

FROM: Brian K. Riblet, City Manager *BKR*

SUBJECT: Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting on Monday, November 14, 2022

As a reminder, the Parks and Recreation Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, November 14, 2022, at 3:30 p.m. at City Hall. Those items to be discussed include:

1. Pool Rates Discussion—Please find attached correspondence from Gary Heitkamp, Public Works Director requesting the opportunity to discuss current and proposed pool rates and to obtain feedback from the Committee at the meeting.
2. Memorial Gifting Rate Discussion—Please find attached correspondence from Gary Heitkamp, Public Works Director requesting the opportunity to discuss the current gifting policy and rates and to obtain feedback from the Committee at the meeting.
3. Other Business—The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an opportunity to discuss any issue or ask questions that may be on your mind.

Also attached are the minutes from the September 12, 2022 meeting of your Committee for review and approval at Monday's meeting.

Should you have any questions or concerns pertaining to these topics or have additional items to be discussed at the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me.

c: Mayor and City Council Members (3)
Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council
Department Heads
File



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF CITY COUNCIL

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AGENDA
November 14, 2022
3:30 P.M.
City Hall

1. Call to Order
2. Guests and Residents
3. Old Business
4. New Business
 - a. Pool Rates Discussion
 - b. Memorial Gifting Rate Discussion
5. Approval of Minutes – September 12, 2022
6. Other Business
7. Adjournment

November 9, 2022

TO: Brian Riblet, City Manager

FROM: Gary Heitkamp, Public Works Director
Julie Machon, Recreation Director 

SUBJECT: Request to adjust fees for the Montgomery Community Swimming Pool beginning with the 2023 pool season

Request

Staff proposes adjustments to pool membership rates, daily admission fees, and concession prices to help mitigate the increased costs of pool operations for the 2023 pool season and subsequent years.

Background

In March 2022, SwimSafe Pool Management contacted staff and indicated that the contractual amount of \$131,960.00 for 2022 was insufficient due to unforeseen increased costs for pool chemicals and staff wage rates. Information was provided to City staff at that time substantiating their claim. Staff reviewed that information and agreed that a new negotiated contract cost for 2022 was appropriate. Thus, the contract was increased \$30,928.00 by Council legislation bringing the total contract cost to \$162,888.00 with the increase of \$30,928.00 being covered by ARPA funds the City received.

In September 2023, Staff met with SwimSafe and discussed the 2023 pool season. City staff would again like to extend the contract with SwimSafe and similar to last year, SwimSafe provided an increased cost of \$32,112.00 for 2023 based on increased costs for pool chemicals, staff wage rates, and other items. Thus, the new contract amount for 2023 would total \$195,000.00, however staff believes the overall contractual costs will stabilize in the outer years

Financial Impact

Funds to contract for management of the swimming pool are captured in the 275.000.5365 account. For 2023, the budget amount for this account is \$191,324.00, which in addition to the pool management contract covers swim team, swim lessons, lawn care, pest control, permits, repair contracts, and pool programming. With this

increase in the pool management contract, the expenditures are expected to exceed the budgeted amount by an approximate \$30,000.00.

Recommendation

To help cover the increases to the contractual costs to manage the swimming pool, staff is proposing to increase the pool membership fees, daily admission fees and concession pricing.

Staff recommends the following adjustments for the 2023 pool season (and subsequent years):

- **Pool membership fees** for all types be increased by \$25 which is anticipated to bring in an additional \$18,825 in revenue per year.

Membership Type	Standard	Weekend	Evening	Mid-season
RESIDENTS	2022/2023 Proposed	2022/2023 Proposed	2022/2023 Proposed	2022/2023 Proposed
Single (14+)	\$135/\$160	\$98/\$123	\$85/\$110	\$85/\$110
Couple	\$210/\$235	\$156/\$181	\$138/\$163	\$138/\$163
Family	\$255/\$280	\$182/\$207	\$157/\$182	\$157/\$182
Family with Sitter	\$350/\$375	\$248/\$273	\$214/\$239	\$214/\$239
Senior Single (60+)	\$100/\$125	\$73/\$98	\$64/\$89	\$64/\$89

Membership Type	Standard	Weekend	Evening	Mid-season
NON-RESIDENTS	2022/2023 Proposed	2022/2023 Proposed	2022/2023 Proposed	2022/2023 Proposed
Single (14+)	\$215/\$240	\$154/\$179	\$133/\$158	\$133/\$158
Family	\$455/\$480	\$322/\$347	\$277/\$302	\$277/\$302
Family with Sitter	\$550/\$575	\$388/\$413	\$334/\$359	\$334/\$359
Senior Single (60+)	\$135/\$160	\$98/\$123	\$85/\$110	\$85/\$110

Membership Type	Standard	Weekend	Evening	Mid-season
BUSINESS	2022/2023 Proposed	2022/2023 Proposed	2022/2023 Proposed	2022/2023 Proposed
Single (14+)	\$155/\$180	\$112/\$137	\$97/\$122	\$97/\$122
Family	\$305/\$330	\$217/\$242	\$187/\$212	\$187/\$212
Family with Sitter	\$400/\$425	\$283/\$308	\$244/\$269	\$244/\$269
Senior Single (60+)	\$110/\$135	\$80/\$105	\$70/\$95	\$70/\$95

- **Daily Admission** be increased by \$2 for all types which is anticipated to bring in an additional \$8,656 in revenue per year. Daily admission is offered to residents only.

Daily Admission Type	2022	Proposed 2023
Child Rate, ages 3-12	\$5	\$7
Adult, ages 13 to 59	\$7	\$9
Senior, ages 60+	\$3	\$5
After 5:00 p.m, everyone	\$4	\$6
Parties of 10+	\$3	\$5
Ages 2 & under	Free	Free

- **Concession pricing** be increased by an average of .50 per item which is anticipated to bring an additional \$6,191 in revenue per year.

The three recommendations outlined above are anticipated to bring an additional \$33,672 of revenue per year, which would help cover the increase in pool management expenditures.

If there are any questions or if additional information is required, please do not hesitate to contact me.

November 11, 2022

TO: Brian K. Riblet, City Manager

FROM: Gary Heitkamp, Public Works Director
Mike Rogers, Assistant Public Works Director
Dan Miller, Public Works Supervisor

SUBJECT: Memorial Gifts-Benches, Bricks, and Trees

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Background:

The memorial gifting program for the purchase of benches, bricks and trees in recognition or honor of a community resident or business has been a service provided to the community for well over a decade. The donations received are deposited into the Memorial Fund Budget (Account 209), which then funds the purchase of the donated items, along with a plaque. From time to time, staff reviews the account to assure that the donations received are in large part covering the expenditures from the account. Listed below are the current costs, along with the historical costs, for each of the donations offered:

Year	Benches Park	Benches Victorian	Memorial Tree and Plaque	Commemorative Brick	R.O.W. Tree Program
2010	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$150.00	\$25.00	\$75.00
2016	\$300.00	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$35.00	\$75.00
2019 (current)	\$500.00	\$800.00	\$250.00	\$55.00	\$100.00

Recommendation:

After reviewing the account, staff has identified a need to raise the donation amounts in order to cover the cost of materials, shipping, and labor of those donated items. Staff is recommending increases in the costs listed in the below table:

Item	Current Donation Cost	Proposed Donation Cost
Standard Park Bench	\$500.00	\$850.00

Victorian Park Bench	\$800.00	\$1250.00
Memorial Tree and Plaque	\$250.00	\$300.00
Commemorative Brick	\$55.00	\$55.00
R.O.W. Tree Program	\$100.00	\$150.00

Staff would also recommend reviewing these rates within the next 2-3 years to assure a continued balance between account revenues and expenditures.

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City of Montgomery
Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes
September 12, 2022

Staff Present

Brian Riblet, City Manager
Tracy Henao, Asst. City Manager
John Crowell, Police Chief
Mike Rogers, Asst. Public Works Director
Julie Machon, Recreation Director
Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council

Committee Members Present

Sasha Naiman, Chair
Chris Dobrozsi
Mike Cappel

The Parks and Recreation Committee of Council convened its meeting for September 12, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. with Mrs. Naiman presiding.

New Business

Pickleball Discussion

Mr. Riblet explained to the Committee that in 2020 the tennis courts at Dulle Park were converted to portable pickleball courts as a result of resident feedback. He stated that since that time those courts have had quite a bit of use from a large group of pickleball players from Montgomery and the surrounding area. Mr. Riblet explained that there have been complaints from a resident living near the courts regarding the noise from the pickleball. He explained that Council Member Suer reached out and visited the resident. Mr. Suer conveyed that he would bring this issue to the Committee for further discussion.

Mr. Riblet distributed copies of the current Noise Ordinance and Park Rules. He stated that staff has investigated several options on how to manage the noise, but none were feasible to address the noise issue at this time.

Mr. Rogers explained that Mr. Heitkamp, Public Works Director, had also spoken with the resident. Mr. Rogers stated that a wind screen was installed, and it was hoped it will also serve as a sound deterrent. He explained that as a result of complaints, he acquired a quote for a acoustifence which is designed specifically to be a sound proofing screen. He explained that the quote came back at \$64,000 for material only. He stated that the sales representative he spoke with stated that it is not largely used due to the cost. Mr. Rogers explained that there were other products such as soundproof paddles and balls available but felt there was not an effective way of managing their use.

Mr. Rogers added that the resident suggested restricting hours of play at the courts and moving the pickleball court to the Pfeiffer Road tennis court. Mr. Rogers pointed out that there were no restrooms at that small park and very limited parking.

Ms. Machon explained that she created a post on a Parks and Recreation website asking for feedback on the soundproof fencing and received mixed results on it.

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Mr. Riblet explained that he was concerned the existing chain link fence would not be able to bear the weight of the screen and wind so it may need to also be replaced with a sturdier type of fencing.

Police Chief Crowell explained that he visited the resident's home on Symphony Lane who had filed a complaint and used a sound/decibel meter to measure the decibels from the courts. He explained he did this in the morning and in the afternoon. He explained that the rating was 68 decibels, under the noise ordinance for that time of day. He added that he walked to the back of Dulle Park to also measure ambient noise (wind, birds) and it registered in the upper 50's. He stated that 70 is the threshold during that time of day. He added that the Ordinance also states that the noise must be 200 feet from the complaint, and the courts were further than that requirement.

Mrs. Naiman explained that Sawyer Point had installed pickleball courts with a type of chain link fence and was curious of the true costs of the fencing.

Mr. Cappel asked about restricting the hours of play and locking the courts at that time. He stated that he felt the City had the right to limit the use.

Staff and the Committee discussed the challenges of managing and enforcing limited hours and locking of the courts.

Mr. Dobrozsi asked if the consultant could be contacted to see if a noise study could be done at the court for noise reduction and also to inspect the stability of the existing fence.

Mrs. Naiman stated that she would like staff to look into the fencing cost as well to determine a total cost of everything for that court.

Mr. Riblet stated that staff would follow up on their request with the sound study, fencing and total cost. He stated that he thought it might also be good to plant some vegetation in the short term that may also help to buffer the noise. He explained that a long term solution would be vetted in the Strategic Plan process with the creation of a Park Master Plan and the possibility of relocating pickleball to another city park.

Minutes

Mr. Cappel moved to approve the August 9, 2021 Committee minutes. Mr. Dobrozsi seconded. The Committee unanimously approved the minutes.

Other Business

Mr. Riblet explained that staff was looking to replace the fountain at Triangle Park to revamp the look now that the Montgomery Quarter was coming online, and the streetscape is near

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completion. He distributed a picture of a sample of a fountain that was being considered. He stated that work would not be done until 2023.

Adjournment

Mr. Cappel moved for adjournment. Mrs. Naiman seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

The Parks and Recreation Committee of Council meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Chair