

Manchester Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Friday, August 12, 2016

The Recreation Commission met on Friday, August 12, 2016 at noon at the Recreation Complex. Members present were Recreation Director Bonnie Gamble, Assistant Director AJ Fox, Chairman Brent Parsley, Stan Rogers, Leslie Trussler, Leslie Brasfield, and Prater Powell. Members missing were Dennis Hunt and Alderman Cheryl Swan. Guests were Mayor Lonnie Norman, David Campbell (Lee Company), Jim Elwell (REA), and Neil Sweeny from Duffield Aquatics.

The topic of discussion was replacement of current indoor pool dehumidification system and possible installation of a UV sanitizing system. Director Gamble related the issues surrounding the current Dectron and Aaon Units. The Dectron has only operated consistently on month since February. It is operating only on one of two compressors and recently had a motor blow up that set the fire alarms off. The department has spent close to \$40,000 in the last year trying to get the system operating as it should, however the corrosion inside the Dectron and age and heavy load put on it has made replacement imperative. It is not cooling or dehumidifying in the correct manner that is having an effect on air quality for the lifeguards, staff, and patrons. The building is also going to suffer as the moisture invades other parts of the building. David Campbell of Lee Company also discussed the current unit using a very expensive form of Freon that the EPA will soon not allow. Discussion by Recreation Commissioners asked about training available for staff, maintenance warranties, and performance checks by Lee Company.

Neil Sweeny explained the use of Ultra Violet as a sanitizing system. It is used in conjunction with chlorinating system but allows for less use of chemicals. UV is the most efficient manner to kill all types of bacteria and helps provide better air quality because not as many chemicals are used. Director Gamble explained that if we are going through an expensive and extensive rehab of the indoor pool, then we should put in the most modern technology that will last for many years to come. State Health Departments may call for Therapy pools with the higher temperatures to go to UV sanitation.

If we use an Aaon system then it can be delivered within 5 weeks estimated with a two week install time. A Dectron replacement will take estimated 14 weeks plus an estimated two week installation. Director Gamble stated that based on the problems experienced, she did not think the current system would last 14 weeks without significant investment and probable time not working with damaging humidity. She asked Mayor Norman to consider the purchase an emergency purchase so that we can move ahead with this vital rehab.

A motion was made by Prater Powell to recommend the emergency purchase of the Aaon Dry Dehumidification system and UV installation for the indoor pools. Seconded by Brent Parsley. Approved unanimously. Mayor Norman requested that Bonnie get with Bridget Anderson, the Finance Director, for rough estimate of payment.

Respectively Submitted,

Bonnie Gamble, Director