

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS
WORKSESSION MINUTES
May 30, 2007

Mayor Larsen called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Members present: Evelyn Larsen, Kay Costello, Edward Bolstad, Tim Kennedy and William Lenz

Members absent: None

Staff present: Mike Roth and Kim Dunsmoor

The council discussed the Grand Marais Pool objectives and goals.

1. The Community Center Revitalization Committee would like a decision from the council by June 16 regarding the possibility of including the pool in the Community Center Plan.
2. The Sales Tax funding bill is unknown.
3. The Pool Committee recommended that the pool should be at the community center and built new with additional amenities.
4. Council would like existing projects to move forward. There is concern that the Skate Board Park and Hockey Rink will be delayed by including the pool in the Community Center Plan. However, it is already delayed due to geo-technical ground water and wetland delineation studies.
5. Moving to the Community Center would create a more serious relationship with the county and the sharing in the cost of operating the pool. Currently, users are 1/3 city residents, 1/3 county residents, 1/3 visitors. Campground users account for approximately 15% or \$15,000. The pool loses approximately \$200,000 per year. The county contributes \$8,000 and the school contributes \$5,300 for swim lessons.
6. There are immediate maintenance issues at the pool: the pool vessel needs replastering, there are mechanical and structural issues that will need to be repaired at an estimated cost of \$100,000.
7. The city has the staff and operations in place, how would this be handled at the county level?
8. How important of an amenity is the pool to the park? Would campground users go to the pool at the community center? How far into the future would a new pool be built and what issues will need to be resolved during that time?
9. Estimates were received for the pool building to stay in its' current location. The costs could change due to location. The currently location has elevation challenges.
 - a) \$3,823,000 to make present building meet code and return to state of good repair including new pitched roof, new walls, HVAC System, update of mechanical/electrical, update of pool vessel, re-arrange basement mechanical room.

- b) \$1,911,360 construction cost for a life of 10 years including new roof, new walls, new doors & windows, plumbing changes, HVAC System, electrical system.
- c) \$5,403,500 to build a new facility including amenities of splash pad, water slide, hot tub, PA system, removable steps and ramp, space for other amenities.

There are many unknowns about the future of the pool.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.