
Waterloo Citizens for a Pool

Wednesday, 04.5.2017, Annex Building 6:30pm - General Assembly Meeting

Attendees

Michael Nolte

Chuck Breitwiser

Kim Ahne

Lyn Falk-Ahne

Angela Most

Jason Breithaupt

Vickie Kehrer

Kelly Phoenix

Gina Pfund

Mark Czernierewski

Lauren May

Lindsay Espenshied

Meeting Minutes and Action Items

Meeting Minutes

1. Michael Nolte opened the meeting with meeting minutes from March 15th meeting. Jason Breithaupt made a motion to approve. Kim Ahne made second motion, minutes were approved.
2. Chuck Breitwiser gave an update that the Republic Times newspaper did run an article that Waterloo Citizens for a Pool would not be joining efforts with BYHMC.
3. Jason Breithaupt passed out the first treasurer's report. Jason also announced that Midland's bank will be donating \$500.00 to our group. This will enable us to pay the \$850.00 fee to federal tax exemption.
4. Lyn Falk-Ahne indicated there is no secretary's report to share at this time.
5. Lyn Falk-Ahne talked briefly about WCP capital campaign. We are compiling a list of names in the community we feel would be a good fit for this. We will need to come up with a business plan and a proposal for this committee.
6. Kim Ahne indicated that many businesses are willing to do grants for volunteer work, we will look into this further.

7. Angela Most stated that the website waterloopool.com is still a work in progress, more to come in the very near future.
8. Kim Ahne and Michael Nolte will begin reaching out to pool companies to have them start working with us on design, to establish how much money will need to be raised. Kim has invited Westport Pools from Maryland Heights, MO to attend our next meeting, May 4th.
9. Kim Ahne reviewed possible grants again. Our challenge is that most grants that we qualify for need to come from a government municipality.
10. Jason Breithaupt reported that the grant writer he was wanting to work with will no longer be available to assist us, as he has fallen ill. Michael Nolte will reach out to another grant writer that he knows and invite him to our meetings.
11. Discussion took place about yards versus meter pools, we will work with the pool companies to find out what is the most common built.
12. Kim Ahne shared that he had met with the State's Attorney, Chris Hitzeman. During their discussion it was asked if taxing could change from city limits to the 62298 zip code, opening a broader tax base. Chris Hitzeman said he would look into it and let Kim know. Kim also met with Dennis Knobloch to discuss coming up with another taxing option via school district, fire district, outside the city limits. Dennis suggested that we should try and utilize what is already in place.
13. Kim Ahne made a presentation on taxes, and what it means to the taxpayers, if taxes were raised .01%. It raises taxes minimally annually based on the average value of a home. A copy of Kim's presentation will be with these meeting minutes.
14. Michael Nolte provided a plot map indicating what areas are city/county/fire district/school district.
15. Kim Ahne provided a slideshow of possible pool layout options. The attendees discussed 'must haves' pool options versus, would be nice to have extra amenities.
 - a. 8 lane lap pool
 - b. Lazy river
 - c. 2 slides
 - d. Splash pad
 - e. Lilly pad
 - f. Zipline
 - g. Rock climbing
16. Open Comments.
 - a. Kelly Phoenix asked if we had looked at the Maplewood pool and what they had to offer. Kim Ahne has similar set ups on his slide show. Many different pools in a 60 mile radius from Waterloo has been looked at.
 - b. Michael Nolte indicated that he had talked with Alderman Russ Thomas, invited him to the meeting.
 - c. Michael Nolte had a discussion with the mayor was and was granted approval to make a presentation to the city council.

- d. Gina Pfund asked when the pool project is complete and the pool is up and running, would we be the group to run the pool. There is much to be discussed on this yet. We have a parks and recreation board already, that is part of a government entity. We have talked about putting a referendum on the ballot to have a pool district. Then set taxes during the next election. There are many different avenues this could go. Michael Nolte had a brief conversation with the county commissioners, we would have to further discuss with them about setting up our own tax entity through the state.
- e. Michael Nolte expressed that we should reach out to the new Economic Trust Board and find out if their meetings are open to the public.
- f. Kim Ahne talked about the city possibly putting out a survey to the residents through their newsletter including a link to the survey

Action Items

1. Kim Ahne will look into the survey option more and provide additional detail.
2. Michael Nolte will reach out to the Economic Trust Board.
3. Lyn Falk-Ahne to contact city utilities to add our monthly meetings to their calendar (once conflicting dates are resolved)
4. Lyn Falk-Ahne to contract Andrea with Republic Times to see if she can add our meetings to her events page (once conflicting dates are resolved)

Next Meeting Agenda Items - May 4th 6:30pm, Monroe County Annex

Set goals for which amenities to have
Westport Pools