

MINUTES
CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
AQUATICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
December 9, 2025, 6:00 PM - Virtual meeting on Zoom

Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Members present: Jason Wiens, Emily Hage, Tom Madigan, Elizabeth Baddeley
Staff present: Nathan Brungardt

1. Old business:
 - a. Review of proposed 2026 aquatic center pricing
 - b. Proposal 1:
 - c. One time price adjustment
 - d. Proposal 2:
 - e. Two step increase across 2026 and 2027

Discussion: prices are meant to become more comparable with other NE JC pool. Nathan asserts that we are offering comparable pool hours and amenities to other JoCo pools, and our fees do not reflect that. Tom Madigan asked about how comparable pool hours are, asking that we consider at least 1 day be open until 8p.

Cmte asked about adding some level of adding an amenity alongside the right-sizing of the fee structure. Adding an extra hour to at least 1 day a week, along with ability to join SuperPass, feels like added value alongside the shift in fee structure.

Nathan: Other pools do not change fees annually, other pools like PV update these fees every 5 years barring extenuating circumstance.

Jason: The smaller the city the fewer potential residents to pay a resident pass. We have a smaller population to sell to; we rely on non-residents to help with operating shortfall.

Madigan: “wealth rating” differs greatly by City; this should be considered.

Emily: could we shift to Proposal 1 with a commitment to freeze rates for a number of years after this shift.

Nathan: a scholarship fund could be created in the future. Sounds like Proposal 1 is the favorite, with the caveat of a rate freeze and at least 1 night open until 8p.

Elizabeth: prices are going up all the time; let's just rip the bandaid off.

Nathan: we decreased fees in 2024, and a small increase in 2025... first big increase since 2020.

Vote taken on option 3: proposal 1 with the caveat that rate increases are frozen for 2 years and that staff considers opening the pool later one night a week.

Vote approved unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:37p

Next Meeting: January 2026.