

Aquatics Advisory Committee

Date: 11/18/25

Location: Linden Room – Roeland Park Community Center

Committee members present: Jason Wiens, Mike Calovich, Emily Hage, Tom Madigan

Staff present: Nathan Brungardt

1. Call of Order at 6:01pm

2. Review of Super Pass

a) Update of Council Action on Super Pass

Committee debriefed about the recommendation and passed motion (by Council) to rejoin the SuperPass program. The committee is in favor of this change, and understands that we need to balance decisions about our community values and being collaborative with other NE Johnson County pools. Nathan acknowledged that while this addition won't add much revenue, it will be an added benefit for Roeland Park residents who buy season passes.

Nathan is working on purchase logistics with CivicRec and will report back.

3. 2025 and 2026 Fee Review

a) Review 2025 Fee Comparison  
b) Share known updates for 2026 Comparison  
c) Staff Recommendation

Nathan brought a thorough review of 2025 rates and how Roeland Park compares.

Jason encouraged the committee to consider what principles feel more important as we consider how to approach rate adjustment: remaining competitive, improving cost recovery, and being a collaborative partner to other SuperPass pools. Jason also noted that a flat percentage increase for resident/non-resident rates would feel the most equitable.

Other committee members also suggested we determine a defined paradigm, like a set percentage or moving to the average, to ensure the decision is easy to understand and explain.

Nathan is working on getting 2026 rates but did not have those in time for this evening's Aquatics Cmte meeting. We agreed that it would be preferential to compare to 2026 rates so we aren't making reactive decisions again this year (rate increases for the 2025 season were based on 2024 rates). Nathan will email the Cmte when he's further along with that data, particularly for the closest pools. Nathan will also determine the latest that the Cmte can make a rate increase recommendation to Council.

4. Pool Operations Update

a) Usage breakdown from the start of the school year through Labor Day  
b) Discuss Pool keeping or removing weekday hours after the start of school

Nathan brought a daily breakdown of attendance for all days through the 2025 pool season, including revenue and temperature. It is clear that there is a very small demand for weekday pool use once school is back in session. The committee agrees with staff recommendation to shift to Friday, Saturday, Sundays in August; however, the Cmte also expressed interest in being open to changes if data indicates opportunity to do so.

5. December Meeting Discussion

- a) Determine whether the Committee would like to meet in December

No meeting in December; if we need to make a decision about 2026 rates before the January meeting, we will host a short Zoom meeting.

6. Public Comments and Committee Member Updates

Mike Calovich asked about the permanent metal sign and when that will be installed in place of the lesser quality plaque that's currently installed. Nathan will work towards getting that up by year end.

7. Adjourned at 6:45pm