

East Longmeadow Pool Building Committee
School Committee Conference Room and Zoom Meeting
June 15, 2023 – 3:00 PM

Attendees:

Cora Gauvin, Pool Building Committee Chair
Gordon Smith, Superintendent of Schools
Stephen Chrusciel, School Building Committee Chair
Bruce Fenney, DPW Director
Kevin Magee, School Athletic Director (absent)
Greg Thompson - School Committee Chair
Charles Grey, Community Member
Matthew Boucher, Town Council

Other Attendees:

Skanska USA Building, Inc.: Ben Murphy, John Benzinger, Victoria Clifford
Design Team (JWA/SMMA): Helen Fantini, Dorrie Brooks, Jillian DeCoursey, Mike Mancini,
ADG

3:00 PM start of meeting

Welcome & Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Gordon asked for a motion to approve the 5/11/2023 Meeting Minutes.
- Gordon noted that Matt Boucher was present at the 5/11/2023 PBC meeting but the 5/11/2023 meeting minutes do not accurately reflect that.
- Greg Thompson made a motion to approve the 5/11/2023 meeting minutes with the amendment that Matt Boucher attended the 5/11/2023 PBC meeting and that he voted affirmatively for the two roll call votes in that meeting. Steve Chrusciel seconded the motion.
- Gordon called the vote. The following members voted in the affirmative:
 - Cora Gauvin, Gordon Smith, Stephen Chrusciel, Greg Thompson, Charles Grey, Matthew Boucher
 - The following members abstained from the vote: Bruce Fenney
 - The following members were absent: Kevin Magee, Donna Prather
- The motion passed.

Design Updates

- The design team reviewed with the committee updated design plans
- The design team asked if the committee is comfortable with the 6 lane pool, 75 feet, 8ft lane width, or if they would want to enlarge the pool for rental opportunities.
 - Cora noted that weekend swim meet rentals generate a lot of revenue
 - Due to cost, the committee gave direction to keep the pool at current size

- Greg asked if the lobby space could be attached to the school and shared with the gym
 - Dorrie responded that the pool vestibule is obviously for the pool so the MSBA might not approve putting it in the School building.

Pool Systems Update

- Mike Mancini, AGD, gave an overview of two filtration system options: Sand or Regenerative Media Filters.
 - Mike noted that the filtration system would be the biggest expense for the pool. Mike recommended using the regenerative fiberglass filtration system due to durability, ease of maintenance, and mechanical room space needed to house the system. Mike noted that the sand system works just as well for filtration if properly maintained.
 - Charles asked what the shelf-life difference is between sand and regenerative?
 - Mike answered - very similar, 10 year warranties for both. You do need to periodically replace sand in the sand system which is very costly. Regenerative filters require replacement of a smaller filter and it can be done by local staff, at a very small cost.
 - Steve asked what the cost difference is between sand and regenerative?
 - Regenerative filters are twice as expensive as the Sand filters. But they require a smaller mechanical room, which will save on construction costs, and have a much smaller operational cost over time.
 - Bruce noted concern with backwash water. Likes what he heard about regenerative filters. Very familiar with the operational maintenance cost of sand. If there is no disposal issue with regions, he would support that system.
 - Steve noted that the mechanical room space savings pays for itself.
- Dorrie suggested having a separate meeting to discuss mechanical design details.
 - The committee decided the full group should meet to review mechanical.

New Business

- Next Meeting: Before the end of June, Skanska to poll committee members via email.
- Dorrie to share presentation with Committee members

Cora Gauvin made a motion to adjourn. Greg Thompson seconded.

- Gordon called the vote. The following members voted in the affirmative:
 - Cora Gauvin, Gordon Smith, Stephen Chrusciel, Greg Thompson, Charles Grey, Matthew Boucher
 - The following members were absent: Kevin Magee, Donna Prather
- The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:54 PM.