

**East Longmeadow Pool Building Committee
School Committee Conference Room and Zoom Meeting
July 18, 2023 – 7:30 AM**

Attendees:

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

Other Attendees:

Skanska USA Building, Inc.: Ben Murphy, Victoria Clifford
Design Team (JWA/SMMA): Jillian DeCoursey, Helen Fantini, Dorrie Brooks, Aviva Galaski

Welcome & Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Cora opened the meeting at 7:30 AM.
- Cora asked for a motion to approve the 7/6/23 Meeting Minutes. Donna made the motion. Steve seconded the motion.
- Cora called the vote. The following members voted in the affirmative:
 - Cora Gauvin, Stephen Chrusciel, Donna Prather, Greg Thompson, Charles Grey, Kevin Magee
 - The following members abstained from the vote: Gordon Smith
 - The following members were absent: Bruce Fenney, Matthew Boucher
- The motion passed.

Design Updates

- Dorrie noted that the goals of today's meeting were to confirm the pool deck area and pool depth in advance of the SD estimating process.
- Bathroom count:
 - Dorrie added that the bathroom fixture code is informed by the volume of the pool.
 - The locker room bathers are informed by the bathroom fixture code. Bathrooms that are shown close to stands are informed by seating.
 - Charles asked if the school building could pick up any of the required bathrooms.
 - Dorrie responded, no. That would be against code and the building permitting process. The two projects need to be permitted as two separate projects.

- Pool slope:
 - Cora reported the depth of the Minnechaug pool is 3.5 ft at the shallow end, 5.5 ft, and 12 ft. 3.5 ft in the shallow end make it much better for swim lessons and water aerobics.
 - Charles voiced for uniform depth on all lanes. Would ask Mike Mancini, AGD, to weigh in the slope required for diving.
 - Steve asked why we might consider not having a uniform depth.
 - Dorrie responded that non-uniform slope would save on volume, but on the other hand, would make for a more complex construction.
- 3rd Meter board location:
 - Cora requested it be between lanes 2 and 3.
- Width of pool
 - Current design is 45 ft wide.
 - Cora noted that the pool needs to be wider to accommodate lane lines. Outside lanes have an additional foot. And ideally, would like to have 8ft lanes as opposed to 7ft lanes.
 - Either expanding the building or reducing the apron.
 - Greg recommended staying with a 7ft for cost.
 - Charles and Cora voiced for 8th lanes, 58 ft width.
 - Kevin Magee asked if we know of any schools nearby with 8 lanes, 8ft width lanes?
 - Minnechaug has 8 lanes, 7ft width lanes.
 - We don't know any that currently have 8 and 8.
 - Charles added that 8ft lanes are the new upcoming standard.
 - Steve asked if there are other implications to adding to the size.
 - More bathroom fixtures and more mechanical space - will ask Mike to confirm .
 - Two options to be explored:
 - 50 ft, 6 lanes, 8 ft lane width
 - 58 ft, 8 lanes, 7 ft lane width
 - Aviva suggested exploring options as an alternative. To confirm with Mike if possible.
 - The design team ran quick numbers and noted that the increase as a whole based on \$400 per square feet would be about a \$400K addition to the project.
- Apron area
 - Dorrie noted that at the last meeting, a fully recessed gutter was selected. Does the recess gutter affect the walking space above the pool?
 - Cora noted that an increased apron will be helpful for accessibility.
 - Donna added that the Rec Department did a community survey and that there was a lot of interest from the community in the pool and would support making the pool as accessible as possible.
 - Greg reiterated the need to keep the cost down for voter appetite.
 - Helen added that the basis of the design has always been a 6 lane pool, but we will look at pricing implications of the larger pool.

- Cora mentioned that the outside area for lane lines can be a shallower depth to help reduce volume.
- Diving board location
 - Cora, between lanes 2 and 3 would be preferred to keep other lanes open. Would allow for one side of the pool to be used for diving and the other for swimming.
 - Greg asked if we could include an order of magnitude for pricing - potential for diving board location options and lane number and lane width size.
 - Committee agreed that pricing options would be in the best interest of the project and help with communicating decisions with the community.
 - Charles requested that meeting materials be given to group in advance

New Business

- Next meeting: August 1st, 7:30 AM
 - Charles requested that meeting materials be given to group in advance
 - Don to provide Zoom information
- National Night Out
 - Victoria, Skanska, asked the committee what they were comfortable sharing at National Night Out, 8/1.
 - The committee gave direction to focus on the community programming and the accessibility of the pool. We won't have estimates in time, so will not report on cost at this time.
- What are the dimensions of the stairs?
 - Design team to confirm, currently 13.5ft wide, 7in tall steps, sticks out 5.5 ft from edge of pool.

Motion to adjourn by Greg. Seconded by Steve.

- **Cora called the vote. The following members voted in the affirmative:**
 - **Cora Gauvin, Gordon Smith, Stephen Chrusciel, Donna Prather, Greg Thompson, Charles Grey, Kevin Magee**
 - **The following members abstained from the vote: None.**
 - **The following members were absent: Bruce Fenney, Matthew Boucher**
- **The motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 AM.