



**INTER-OFFICE MEMO**

DATE: 9-24-14

TO: Marsha Hall, *Administrator*

FROM: Kyle Lund, *Director of Parks & Recreation* 

CC: Steve Hawkins, *Aquatics Manager*  
Deanna Somers, Claudia McFarland  
- Groveport Fighting Fish

RE: Evening Practices

On 9-18-14, I met with Deanna Somers and Claudia McFarland to discuss the 2014 Groveport Fighting Fish swim season. This past season, the Groveport Fighting Fish (G.F.F.) had 111 swimmers ranging in age from five to eighteen years of age. The G.F.F. have been utilizing the outdoor pool since its opening in 2003. The team practices four days per week. Some of the participants practice in the morning (8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.) and some of the participants practice in the evening (8:15 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.). All practices are held at the outdoor pool. Their home meets are held on Saturday mornings and finish before the facility opens to the public.

The only concern that the leaders of the Groveport Fighting Fish expressed was the late weekday evening practices. Because the facility’s hours were extended one hour, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., their evening practices do not start until 8:15 p.m. and end at 9:15 p.m.

For 2015, the G.F.F. is requesting that on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, the City consider closing the six-lane lap pool at 7:00 p.m. and permit the G.F.F. to start practice shortly thereafter, so they can end practice approx. one hour earlier.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Evening Practice Times</u>	<u>Pool</u>	<u>Outdoor Pool Closing Time</u>
2015	7:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.	Outdoor	8:00 p.m. (tentative)
2014	8:15 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.	Outdoor	8:00 p.m.
2013	7:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.	Outdoor	7:00 p.m.
2012	7:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.	Outdoor	7:00 p.m.
2011	7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Outdoor	7:00 p.m.
2010	7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Outdoor	7:00 p.m.
2009	7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Indoor	7:00 p.m.
2008	8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Outdoor	8:00 p.m.
2007	7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Indoor	8:00 p.m.
2006			8:00 p.m.
2005			8:00 p.m. (M – Sat.) / 7:00 p.m. (Sun.)
2004			8:00 p.m. (M – Sat.) / 7:00 p.m. (Sun.)
2003			9:00 p.m. (M – Sat.) / 7:00 p.m. (Sun.)

Note: Prior to 2007, the City of Groveport and the Groveport Fighting Fish did not have a formal agreement. Staff does not have any formal record of practice times prior to 2007.

A couple of things to consider:

- The 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. is the least used hour at the outdoor pool.
- The 2 diving boards are located at the lap pool and would also be closed during their practices.
- If their proposal is approved, staff recommends that only the G.F.F. swimmers and coaches be permitted in the facility at 7:00 p.m. Unless parents (and siblings) are pass holders or would like to pay the daily fee, they would remain outside of the facility until 8:00 p.m.

Please let me know of your thoughts and if you would like put their proposal on a Committee of the Whole Meeting agenda. If so, I will inform the G.F.F. leadership team of the date and time.

Thank you.