

Groveport Recreation Department
Council Report
for April 20, 2020 Committee of Whole Meeting

Re-Opening of Groveport Recreation

Staff is waiting for further directive from Governor DeWine in regards to the possible re-opening of “fitness centers”. Director Lund has developed a list of discussion points that he has shared with his staff. He is awaiting return comments (due by April 20). He will then further discuss with Administrator King. Director Lund has been working daily from the Recreation Center since its closing. Other full-time staff have been sporadically working at the facility. Plans are to have all full-time staff return in early May.

Re-Opening of Groveport Senior Center

Staff is waiting for further directive from Governor DeWine in regards to the possible re-opening of “senior centers”.

Opening of Groveport Aquatic Center

Per Administrator King’s directive, staff is prepping the outdoor water park for opening. The preparation work started earlier this year than prior years so that leak detection services could inspect the facility and we could make any repairs earlier in the season. American Leak Detection is scheduled to be on site on May 1. The pool is currently filling and Parks & Facilities Maintenance Byrne has scheduled pump install. Chemicals have been ordered.

The virus has greatly impacted our ability to recruit new lifeguards. On-site lifeguard classes were cancelled once the facility was forced to close its doors. Aquatics Manager Bower arranged for online classes, but only a few have chosen to go this route. Persons who took the online class through the American Red Cross would still have to take the hands-on/in-water portion of the class and also pass the exam.

Director Lund has developed a list of discussion points that he has shared with his staff. Once he receives return comments, he will meet with Administrator King to further discuss. Staff is patiently waiting the Governor’s directive regarding pools.

Cough/Sneeze Barriers

Staff will be meeting with a few vendors to get proposals for installation of cough/sneeze barriers at the Recreation Center (registration desk, check-in desk and fitness desk), Senior Center (reception desk) and Aquatic Center (cashier stations).

Advertisement for Senior Citizens Coordinator

Staff has tentative plans to advertise for vacant Senior Citizens Coordinator position in the near future.

Groveport Community Garden

The garden opened on April 9. Twenty-four plots were sold to eleven families. A social distancing reminder sign has been placed inside the message center at the garden. Special thanks to the Park Maintenance Staff and Joe Stewart (Groveport resident) for their work on prepping the garden for the season.

Gym Floor Repair

A contractor was out a few weeks ago and replaced 10 broken boards in the East Gym (side B).

Thank You Mayor and Council

On behalf of all of the full and part-time staff in the Recreation Dept., thank you for all that done for staff during COVID-19. We appreciate you.