

INTER-OFFICE MEMO

DATE: 2-9-15

TO: Mayor Westcamp and City Council

FROM: Kyle Lund, Director of Parks & Recreation

CC: Marsha Hall, *Administrator*; Steve Hawkins, *Aquatics Manager*

RE: Groveport Fighting Fish Practices

(Discussion at Feb. 9, 2015 Council Meeting)

The Parks & Recreation Department Staff believes that the Groveport Aquatic Center can accommodate the Groveport Fighting Fish weekday evening practice request for the 2015 season. The Groveport Aquatic Center would close all 6 lanes of the lap pool at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday evenings. The GFF would practice from 7:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. Depending on their registration numbers, the GFF may also practice from 8:15 p.m. – 9:15 p.m. with their older age groups. The GFF would pay the City for that additional time if needed.

Prior to the pool closing for the evening, parents (and any other family members) must remain outside of the facility, unless they have a seasonal pass or have paid the daily admittance fee. Staff recommends that the GFF Parents "set up camp" outside the fence in the grassy area between the lap pool and the leisure path. If their child needs to speak to them, the child can walk over to the fence and carry on a conversation.

The Parks & Recreation Department Staff further recommends that the Groveport Fighting Fish designate no more than (4) parent volunteers to assist the coaches during practices. These parents can escort children to the restroom if necessary.

Once the facility has closed for the evening, parents (and other siblings) may enter the facility and watch practice from the concession stand area.