

Lincoln Board of Health
Virtual Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Members Presents: Frederick Mansfield, MD
Steven Kanner, MD
Patricia Miller

Others Present: Dan Pereira, Director, Park and Rec., David Sequeira, Asst. Director of Park and Rec.
Elaine Carroll, Adm. Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. The next meeting will be on June 24, 2020.

Minutes:

Steven Kanner made a motion to approve the minutes from April 29, 2020 as amended and the minutes from May 13, 2020 as written. Patricia Miller seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Guidelines and Protocols for Re-opening of the Town Pool:

Dan Pereira came before the members to discuss the guidelines for the pool re-opening and thanked the members for adding this extra meeting to accommodate the pool reopening. The presentation was sent to the Board members yesterday. There was a link attached for public swimming pools from Gov. Baker's Office, which was pretty standard and everything in the guidelines Lincoln can accommodate with nothing a surprise. At this time, Dan turned the meeting over to his Asst. Director David Sequeira.

Patron Access: Parking is available at the new modular parking lot, Hartwell and Smith parking lots, space around Ballfield Road loop. The service road leading up to the Codman Pool is meant for emergency vehicles, deliveries and handicap parking only and may not be used for drop offs. There will be a pedestrian footpath alongside the service road to access the pool. No congregating in the parking lots when arriving or leaving.

Admission/Reservation Policies: Codman Pool will be offering an online system to reserve your time and space. Payments will be collected at the time of the reservation. Residents unable to access the online system may contact the pool directly to reserve their time and pay on arrival. There will be a maximum of six people per reservation from a household. Children 13 and under must have a parent present. Residents can register 10 days in advance, non-residents 7 days in advance. There are two-hour time slots available with 15 minutes in between for cleaning. The deck supervisor will rotate in new swimmers if sections of the pool reach capacity. There will be a 60 person capacity including swimmers and non-swimmers, which is 40% capacity but may go to 50% capacity if State guidelines change.

Deck Modifications: To ensure the safety of patrons, the pool will be eliminating surface areas that pose a high risk for transmission. The following will not be available for public use: pool slide, changing cabanas, picnic tables, resin chairs (no chairs permitted in facility but allowances will be made for those with mobility issues and chairs used would be cleaned after each use), indoor restrooms, indoor showers. Social distancing markers will be used where parties sit or lines form in the facility, including pool ladders, lifeguard stands, porta potties, concession stand and facility entrance. There will be two porta potties for patrons and one will be ADA compliant. Patricia said she could not find in the EEA guidelines where a porta potty is any safer than a rest room. Dan said it is better because only one person in at a time, do not usually touch things and they cannot police the rest rooms and they are hard to keep clean. The porta potties are cleaned once a day and deep cleaned twice a week by company.

Water Modifications: All patrons entering the water must follow social distancing guidelines, they will be asked to leave the pool if they do not comply, and repeat violations may result in further disciplinary actions. No pool noodles, balls, pool rings, diving toys or inflatable pool toys are allowed in the pool. No shared goggles but can bring them from home. Kick boards used only for lap swimming and sanitized after each use. We can sanitize our own chairs but not sure if their chairs are sanitized. We will set up umbrellas but no tables. David said some children put the pool noodles in their mouths and bite them, which is why they cannot be used. Steven said if the

State changes their mandate; he would be in favor of allowing play items in the pool because of the chlorine in the water. There is no sharing lap lanes and they must follow enter and exit signs on pool deck.

General Behavior: Persons not in the water are expected to wear masks unless medically incapable of doing so or under the age of 2. Persons on the deck or in the water must maintain 6 feet apart and parties will be seated 12 feet from each other. We will be relying on parents to monitor their own children. Patrons and staff should stay home if they are exhibiting any symptoms such as mild to severe respiratory illness with fever, cough or difficulty breathing, have been in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 day. Hand sanitizers will be provided at the concession stand and porta potties. Outdoor showers are required before entering the pool water.

Staff Protocols: Staff will report before each shift of any standard COVID-19 symptoms, must wear masks at all times while in the facility and to and from their vehicles, must remain 6 feet distance from each other at all times. Lifeguards will not wear a mask in the chair; however they will be masked walking to and from chairs. No more than two staff will be in the pool office at once, with an adjacent tent providing shelter for two more staff. There will be Plexiglass screens installed at the gatehouse for concession and check-in activities. Gate staff will wear disposable gloves throughout their shifts and when handling food and money will change gloves between each transaction. Lifeguards will only train with a designated “rescue buddy” to limit unnecessary interaction. The lifeguards must use the outdoor shower; wash their hands with soap and water and dispose of any necessary equipment after direct contact with others during a rescue or training exercise.

General Sanitation: The pool director and staff will clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at least once a day and shared objects each time they are used including handrails and other structures used for climbing and playing, lounge chairs and kickboards, door handles and surfaces of rest rooms, showers and handwashing stations, tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones and keyboards. A 15-minute cleaning blocks will be scheduled between all 2-hour reservation slots, which will mean cleaning 3 or 4 times a day. Indoor spaces including the pool office and gatehouse will be professionally cleaned each evening.

The members reviewed pictures of the staff layout and map of the pool showing 16 bays. David said he will be having staff meetings. Patricia asked if there was any way to do away with cash at the concession stand. Dan said there is a touchless system to get into the pool, but they have not looked into not using cash but they wear gloves and sanitize and with all that we are trying to do to get open, it is hard to come up with technology for not using cash. They may bill the patron’s account but not sure if they can do it. They will blow a whistle when it is time to change the patrons in the pool. Dan and David are having meetings about how to mark off the bays with 2 or 3 options which will be very visible. There will be no regular pool membership but will sell the time slots on line. David said \$25 per bay for 2 hours is what they are thinking, which should give them some revenue back. They were thinking of opening on June 27 but pushing it back to July 6, which will coordinate with Summer Camp. Steve said you are meeting all requirements of State guidelines with an abundance of caution and it sounds very good. Patricia asked what would happen if someone is not following guidelines and can your young staff handle it. David said he would be there and does not see any big issues they could not handle.

Patricia Miller made a motion to approve the reopening plan for the Codman Pool as discussed. Steven Kanner seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Guidelines for Reopening Playgrounds:

Dan said there are two playgrounds in Town. The red one by the Smith School and the blue one near the pool. The green one is closed due to school renovations. The reopening date is set for June 20 under Phase 2. The hours of operation would be dawn to dusk Sunday to Saturday. Masks would be required when social distancing is not possible with gloves recommended. There is no requirement to have the playground sanitized and there will be signage stating that you are using at your own risk. Hand sanitizers will be available with signage stating that you should sanitize before and after using the playground. Steve said that gloves should not be necessary since if you touch your face with gloves on than it would be no different than touching your face without gloves, but you should sanitize your hands before and after. Dan said he would remove the recommendation on using gloves from the guidelines. Dan wanted to know when the Board would want to see him again including sports in Phase 3. Patricia would like to see Dan come back to the Board to make sure that we are keeping informed on making future decisions. The members said that Dan has been doing a good job which involves a lot of work.

Patricia Miller made a motion to approve the reopening plan for the playgrounds as discussed. Fred Mansfield seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Elaine notified the members that Stan Sosnicki is still in the hospital after recent surgery due to his accident and will contact Concord to find out what hospital Stan is in.

21 Sunnyside Lane: The members were informed about the complaint of the horse odor from one neighbor and the Animal Inspector visited the site and said there was absolutely no odor present. The members may speak with our lawyer for information.

At 9:10 PM, Steven Kanner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Patricia Miller seconded the motion. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Submitted by Elaine Carroll