

Select Board Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes, March 1, 2024

Present: Select Board members John Stevens and Merry Kay Shernock. Others present, Town Manager Jeff Schulz, Utility Superintendent Jim Russo, Mary Nadon Scott, Tim Swartz.

The meeting was held at the municipal pool and started at 1:00 PM.

Public Participation Scheduled: None

Jeff Schulz stated that the primary purpose of the meeting was to inspect the pool facilities to assess the facility for compliance with ADA requirements. Also, to develop a list of short term and long term projects to address any ADA issues at the facility.

The group identified a need to create a handicap parking space at and near the pool house. Currently, this area has some turning movement issues due to the location of the building near the dirt slope. The group agreed that there could be some modification to the slope to create a space with sufficient and safe turn around. John Stevens noted that there does not appear to be ledge in the slope at the edge of the current parking area.

The group identified a concern with the paved transition from the gravel area into the building such that there is a bump that makes it difficult for those using a wheelchair to safely enter the building. Jim Russo noted that it would be fairly easy to add pavement to create smooth and safe transition into the building.

Next, the group inspected the interior hallway (near front desk) from the building entrance to the outside sidewalk leading to the pool. The general consensus of the group was that this area is ADA accessible and does not need any modifications.

Next, the group inspected and discussed the bathroom facilities and concluded these facilities, which were constructed in the 1970s need a significant renovation to be ADA compliant. It was agreed that further inspection of the bathroom facilities should be performed with the assistance of contractor or architect.

The group inspected the step from the pool building to the sidewalk that leads to the pool. The step and sidewalk are not ADA complaint and need replacing. Jeff noted that this is a fairly easy fix.

Mary Nadon noted that there is not an ADA ramp from the pool area to the wooden pavilion on the other side of the pool. Jim Russo noted that it would not be difficult to build an ADA ramp in that area.

Next, Mary Nadon and Tim Swartz noted that the slope from the pool deck to the water on the shallow end of the pool does not meet ADA requirements. The slope is not overly excessive but does exceed the requirements. One option to consider is to purchase a lift arm to assist with access to the pool.

Next, Jeff gave a summary of the short-term ADA improvements identified and which could be completed this coming year, which include: expanding and paving the area near the pool house to add a ADA parking space, add pavement to the transition from the parking area to the pool, replace the step and sidewalk from the pool house to the pool area, construct a ADA ramp to the pavilion, have a contractor inspect and make recommendations for changes to the bathrooms, and research the cost of an ADA lift arm.

Public Participation Unscheduled: None

Motion to adjourn by Merry Shernock, second by John Stevens to adjourn.

Jeff Schulz, Town Manager