

Press Release

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Belvidere Township Park District

Public Hearing to discuss the future of William Grady Pool and the community needs for aquatic recreation for the next 1-25 years.

July 25th, 2017 5:00pm at Rivers Edge Recreation Center; 1151 West Locust St. Belvidere, IL 61008

William Grady Pool nestled amongst the mature oak trees and winding Mill Race in Belvidere Park is reaching a critical point in its effective life expectancy that will need to be addressed sooner rather than later. Despite efforts of the park staff and commissioners, the pool complex originally built as a WPA project in 1939 is in need of repairs and substantial capital investment. The last major renovation was conducted in 1986 resulting in an enclosed bathhouse and a new pool vessel/tank including a new circulation system

After struggling with filtration issues during the 2016 summer, the Park District retained the professional services of Burbach Aquatics to conduct a technical evaluation of what could be done to extend the life of the pool. This report is available for review on the Park District website under the Board Meetings tab. Some of the issues were addressed and the pool opened in June 2017. However, major issues and additional problems pose difficult situations and decisions for the 2018 season and beyond.

The Park District will be conducting a Public Hearing during its regularly scheduled Board Meeting on July 25th, 2017 at 5pm with an anticipated start time of the pool discussion around 5:30pm. The public is invited and encouraged to attend this meeting located at the Rivers Edge Recreation Center, 1151 West Locust St. After presenting the situation currently facing the pool, the public will have an opportunity to comment and to give input on the future of aquatic recreation within the services provided by the Belvidere Township Park District.

Respectfully Submitted,

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