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When: Jan 5, 2026 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

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**City of Clayton
Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
Monday, January 5, 2026
7:00 PM
In-Person and Via Zoom**

----- Agenda Topics -----		
Topic		Notes
1. Call to Order	Betsy Meyland-Smith	
2. Addresses from the Audience	Betsy Meyland-Smith	
3. Approval of Minutes	Betsy Meyland-Smith	
4. LCMP Project Update	Toni Siering Betsy Meyland-Smith Ben Beinfeld Matt Durham	See presentation from the 12/19/25 City Council Discussion Session
5. Shaw Park Aquatic Center - End of Season Report	Ryan Harrison Micky Kaufman	
6. Director's Report	Toni Siering	
7. Old Business/New Business	Betsy Meyland-Smith	

Attachments:

Minutes – December 1, 2026

Notes:

Next Meeting: Monday, February 9, 2026 - hybrid

Clayton Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
Monday, December 1st, 2025

Commission Members Present: Matt Durham, Betsy Meyland-Smith, Erin Sucher-O’Grady, Adam Weygandt

Commission Members Absent: Paul Courter, Stephen Eisele, Karen-Berry Elbert

Ex-Officio Members Present: Ben Beinfeld, Becky Patel, Kami Waldman

Staff Present: Valerie Egel, Toni Siering, Justin Whipple

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the November meeting were approved as submitted.

Addresses from the Audience:

There were no comments from the audience.

Youth Sports Advisory Committee Update:

Toni Siering, Director of Parks and Recreation, announced that the Clayton Recreation Sports and Wellness Commission (CRSWC) approved the formation of the Youth Sports Advisory Committee (YSAC). Now that the YSAC has been officially approved, recruitment for members will begin soon. The committee will finalize the Youth Sports Code of Conduct before it returns to the Parks and Recreation Commission and the CRSWC for adoption. Both boards will also be notified when the youth sports member selection process opens.

Livable Communities Master Plan (LCMP):

The design and architecture team—Anezka Gocova, Chip Crawford, Neil Eisenhower, and Matt Maranzana of Lamar Johnson Collaborative; Neil Chase of Trivers; and Colette Koshelski of Navigate—presented an update on the LCMP project. They presented updated concepts focused on flexible, multi-use community spaces, including a biergarten, adaptable lawns, pickleball courts, and improved stormwater management through rain gardens. Renderings showed seating options, site layout refinements, and plans for a temporary ice rink. The team also shared updated event capacity estimates and explored advanced lighting options that could integrate technology such as Wi-Fi and security features.

The pavilion design continues to evolve, featuring natural materials, a hoodless pizza kitchen, and gender-neutral restrooms. The project remains in the design phase, with completion expected in April. It will be presented to the City Council on December 19, followed by a public open house in January. Concerns about artificial turf were raised, and alternative surfaces will be explored as planning continues.

The Parks and Recreation Commission requested feedback on park amenities that appeal to high school students. Lydia Lee and Charlotte Whitney, members of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee, expressed interest in an ice rink, a concert venue, and pickleball courts.

Aldermanic Representative Becky Patel expressed concerns about the proposed artificial turf, which prompted the team to explore alternative surface options.

Director's Report:

Irrigation and Garden Maintenance: All irrigation systems have been shut off for the season, and garden cleanup is complete. Our Horticulturist, Teresa Pafford, will now focus on the completion of the Osage Memorial at Oak Knoll Park.

Hanley House Waterproofing & Masonry Project: Separate bids will be issued for masonry and waterproofing projects at Hanley House after limited interest was received for a combined bid. A meeting is scheduled with the Clayton Community Foundation to discuss both outdoor and indoor projects, including improvements to the fire suppression system. The goal is to present these items to the City Council for approval in January.

Park Lighting Projects: Awaiting bids for lighting projects at both Shaw Park Tennis Center and Oak Knoll Park. The goal is to present these items to the City Council for approval in January, assuming bids are within budget.

Youth Sports Updates: Youth basketball practices are underway; games start the first weekend of January.

Next Meeting:

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be held on January 5th, 2026, in person and via Zoom.

Old Business / New Business:

Nothing to report.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By: Doris Patzius



DATE: January 5, 2026

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Ryan Harrison, Aquatic Supervisor

CC: Toni Siering, Director of Parks & Recreation
Micky Kaufman, Recreation Superintendent

RE: 2025 Shaw Park Aquatic Center Annual Report

Shaw Park Aquatic Center (SPAC) had a successful 2025 season. Safety was maintained as the highest priority operating without any major medical emergencies; this is attributed to Midwest Pool Management's well-trained staff.

Finances and Other Highlights

This summer saw a decrease in overall revenue of approximately \$45,000 (12%) from FY24. Season pass sales were underbudget by \$37,000 due to unseasonably cooler/rainy weather at the start of the season, as well as the impacts of the tornado on May 16th (10 days before SPAC opened). Additionally, programming was slow due to fewer instructor availability for outside aquatic programs, as well as fewer private swim lessons conducted at SPAC with membership requirement.

Overall expenses this summer increased by \$15,370 (3%) over FY24. This was largely due to an increase in water usage. Water usage has increased significantly from FY23, presumably due to a slow leak in the dive tank which may have worsened over the last two years. Staff began investigating the source of the leak last year to develop a potential solution for the upcoming season. In addition, staff are reviewing the water bills charged to this account for accuracy. Overall, our net operations yielded a 61% cost recovery for the 2025 season. According to the National Recreation and Parks Association, public pools throughout the country range in cost recovery from 22% - 86%. This also aligns with information regarding new local pool facilities.

Other highlights from the 2025 season include:

- New epoxy flooring was installed throughout the facility prior to the start of the 2025 season. However, the flooring was beginning to fail by the end of the season. Staff met with the contractor, who determined that an error in installation was responsible. The flooring will be removed and reinstalled prior to the start of the 2026 season at no cost to the City.
- The annual 4th of July Celebration continued with a DJ, pool games and bomb pops for those in attendance.
- The CSP Invitational held their 87th annual three-day tournament in June and brought in over 2,200 swimmers and spectators from different areas of the United States.

- Clayton Water Polo held Wally Lundt's 56th Annual Clayton Senior Open Water Polo Tournament with approximately 120 people participating in the tournament from across the country.
- City of Clayton hosted their 11th Annual Inkwel Law Clayton Kids Triathlon which saw over 70 participants in two youth division races.

Staffing

Shaw Park Aquatic Center continues to feel the effects of the nationwide lifeguard shortage, though the situation has improved in recent years. Unfortunately, the annual decline in staff availability beginning in early August and lasting through Labor Day weekend shows no sign of shifting.

Looking Forward

Staff are already planning for the 2026 season at Shaw Park Aquatic Center. Facility and equipment improvements for the upcoming season include replacement of two diving boards, new perimeter grates for the competition pool and dive tank, and a new two-compartment freezer for concessions.

Attached to this memo is a facility report providing an overview of usage, revenue, and expenditures for the 2025 season.



Shaw Park Aquatic Center Fiscal Year 2025 Revenue & Expense Report

	Revenue		
	<u>Fiscal Year 2023</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2024</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2025</u>
Season Passes			
Resident	\$103,224	\$107,360	\$96,132
Corporate	\$58,345	\$64,166	\$50,453
Non-Resident	\$56,375	\$57,314	\$48,795
Subtotal	\$217,944	\$228,840	\$195,380
Daily Admissions			
Resident	\$20,046	\$26,563	\$22,883
Corporate	\$5,615	\$6,516	\$5,910
Guests	\$21,709	\$24,181	\$22,453
Camp Group	\$8,546	\$5,033	\$4,653
Subtotal	\$55,916	\$62,293	\$55,899
Programs	\$24,615	\$22,429	\$20,851
Rentals	\$56,637	\$58,699	\$55,215
Concessions	\$3,770	\$3,302	\$2,930
Total	\$358,882	\$375,563	\$330,274

	Expenses*		
	<u>Fiscal Year 2023</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2024</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2025</u>
Aquatics Personnel Services			
Part-Time Instructors	\$10,248	\$5,783	\$7,041
FICA	\$784	\$442	\$539
Workers Comp	\$270	\$236	\$210
Utilities			
Water	\$54,489	\$95,024	\$106,730
Sewer Charge	\$5,724	\$6,192	\$1,515
Natural Gas	\$758	\$820	\$686
Electric**	\$30,869	\$32,397	\$30,873
Maintenance			
Aquatics	\$10,995	\$8,611	\$9,314
Contractual Services			
Programs	\$10,508	\$17,485	\$14,853
Pool Management Services	\$296,442	\$296,470	\$313,130
Commodities			
Aquatics	\$63,169	\$65,377	\$59,315
Equipment***	\$15,024	\$18,052	\$11,239
Total	\$484,256	\$528,837	\$544,207
Net	(\$125,375)	(\$153,274)	(\$213,933)
Cost Recovery	74%	71%	61%

*Does not include full-time personnel costs and capital.

**Cost of Electric added to calculations in FY22 to give a more accurate representation

***Capital and ERF requirements adjusted and equipment added to operating budgets

Per Capita

	<u>Fiscal Year 2023</u>		<u>Fiscal Year 2024</u>		<u>Fiscal Year 2025</u>	
	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures
By Facility Attendance	\$6.86	\$9.26	\$7.48	\$10.53	\$6.92	\$11.40
By Population	\$20.74	\$27.99	\$21.64	\$30.47	\$18.86	\$31.08



Shaw Park Aquatic Center Fiscal Year 2025 Facility Usage Summary

	<u>Fiscal Year 2023</u>		<u>Fiscal Year 2024</u>		<u>Fiscal Year 2025</u>	
	<u>Total Hours</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
<u>Public Session</u>						
Open Swim (Rec & Lap)	794		766		766	
Lap Swim Only	434		424		424	
Season Pass Scans		19,579		19,387		18,250
Daily Admissions		8,001		8,247		7,856
Public Session Total	1,228	27,580	1,190	27,634	1,190	26,106
<u>Programs</u>						
Swim Lessons	215	601	75	373	24	208
Water Exercise	84	971	74	748	74	748
Early Morning Lap Swim	85	255	85	143	85	143
Rec Dive Team	17	190	17	155	17	86
Rec Swim Clinic	18	675	15	271	15	327
Clayton Camps	135	670	90	335	90	335
Programs Total	554	3,362	356	2,025	305	1,847
<u>Birthday Parties</u>						
Resident / Member	66	960	38	565	32	480
Corporate	2	90	2	30	8	120
Non-Resident	18	270	16	231	18	270
Birthday Parties Total	86	1,320	56	826	58	870
<u>Rentals*</u>						
CSP Swim Meet	43	3,078	43	2,262	43	2,403
Clayton Water Polo Tournament	25	720	26	867	26	801
Pool Rentals	706	16,232	679	15,623	682	15,686
After Hour Rentals	0	0	11	760	0	0
Rentals Total	774	20,030	759	19,512	750	18,890
<u>School District Usage</u>						
	0	0	13	238	4	115
Total	2,642	52,292	2,374	50,235	2,307	47,717

Note *: Attendance estimated based on average rental size



Shaw Park Aquatic Center Fiscal Year 2025 Season Pass Summary & Facility Closures

Season Pass Summary

<u>Season Passes Purchased</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2023</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2024</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2025</u>
Resident Family	413	444	364
Resident Adult	81	75	72
Resident Youth	19	15	15
Resident Senior	79	77	77
Corporate Family	171	170	148
Corporate Adult	41	31	30
Corporate Youth	1	1	2
Corporate Senior	21	16	19
Non-Resident Family	86	81	70
Non-Resident Adult	57	65	40
Non-Resident Youth	3	3	5
Non-Resident Senior	31	32	28
Total	1,003	1,010	870
Resident Total	59.02%	60.50%	60.69%
Corporate Total	23.33%	21.58%	22.87%
Non-Resident Total	17.65%	17.92%	16.44%

Facility Closures

	<u>Fiscal Year 2023</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2024</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2025</u>
Days Available	101	101	101
Full Day Closure	3	3	3
Partially Closed due to Weather	13	21	21
Percentage of closures	15.84%	23.76%	23.76%



Recreation & Event Calendar

January 2026

Ward III Coffee

Saturday, January 10, 10:00 am –12:00 pm

2 North Central Avenue

Add catching up with your neighbors and Alderpersons on your Saturday morning coffee run!
Ward III: Join Gary and Kami at the Starbucks on N. Central Avenue.

Clayton Restaurant Week

January 19 – January 25

Indulge in comforting seasonal dishes, craft cocktails, and cozy dining experiences as you explore the city's vibrant culinary scene. Whether you're discovering a new favorite or revisiting a beloved local spot, this week is all about savoring what makes Clayton dining so special.

Participating restaurants will offer flexible prix fixe menus at \$39, \$59, or \$79, each featuring a three-course dining experience with an appetizer, entrée, and dessert.

And for those looking to add a little extra fun to their evening, Plates & Play invites you to enjoy creative dining, drinks, and game experiences at select entertainment venues like Flight Club and Five Iron.

Food lovers from across the St. Louis area won't want to miss this flavorful winter tradition. Mark your calendars and get ready to eat, drink, and play your way through Clayton!