

COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF MEQUON

RESOLUTION 3739

A Resolution Establishing a 2020 Policy for Mequon Community Pool and Parks Operations

A. COVID-19, a novel strain of coronavirus, was detected in December of 2019 and has subsequently spread throughout numerous countries and the United States, including Wisconsin.

B. On March 24, 2020, Governor Evers issued a Safer at Home Order, which was then extended through the Department of Health Services until May 26, 2020.

C. However, on May 13, the Wisconsin Supreme Court overturned the State's Safer at Home Order extension and, as such, removed all measures to reopen the state in a gradual manner.

D. In order to fill the void and to protect the health and well-being of residents and visitors, it is appropriate for the City of Mequon to avail itself to a gradual reopening of City parks and other lands

E. Health organizations have issued guidelines for reopening recreation and amusement facilities, such as parks and pools.

F. Meeting the guidelines impacts the City's budget for staffing, sanitizing products and revenues related to the pool and parks facilities.

G. Not meeting the guidelines has the potential to put the public and staff at risk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Mequon, that:

1. If the risks or public health and safety concerns surrounding COVID-19 change to the extent that the uses described below cannot operate safely or meet prevailing guidelines, some or all of the allowances may be repealed by the Common Council. If modified or repealed, the City shall not be responsible for financial hardships of individuals or entities that may be impacted by the change.

2. Unless specified below, Section 6 of COVID-19 Emergency Proclamation No. 5 remain in effect.

3. Pool. The Mequon Community Pool shall be open, but operations for the 2020 season shall be regulated by the provisions of the attached Exhibit A.

4. Parks. Residents continue to be encouraged to use the City's parks; however, social distancing shall be required and following the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control and the Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department are encouraged.

(a) Playgrounds. Residents and park patrons may use playgrounds, built signage shall be posted informing them that the City is not performing any sanitation of the play structures. Residents are encouraged to follow the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control and the Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department.

(b) Athletic Fields. User groups may utilize athletic fields beginning on May 30, 2020, provided (i) they have a COVID-19 Response Plan on file with the Parks Division that complies with the requirements of the attached Exhibit B; (ii) they follow the plan submitted; and (iii) they satisfy the other usual and customary policies and requirements of the City for rental of athletic fields. Exhibit B may be amended by the Park and Open Space Board as needed to reflect current recommendations of the Center for Disease Control and the Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department. User groups who secured facilities prior to the effective date of this resolution who cannot meet the terms of Exhibit B are subject to a full refund or reschedule, without penalty.

(c) Restrooms. Public Parks restrooms shall be opened as soon as practical, subject to obtaining staffing for cleaning in accordance to the guidelines of the Center for Disease Control and the Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department.

(d) Parks Facilities or Pavilions. Renters may rent park facilities or pavilions (i) subject to the requirements of the attached Exhibit C and (ii) subject to the satisfaction the other usual and customary policies and requirements of the City for rental of such facilities. Exhibit C may be amended by the Park and Open Space Board as needed to reflect current recommendations of the Center for Disease Control and the Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department. Renters who secured facilities prior to the effective date of this resolution whose event cannot meet the terms of Exhibit C are subject to a full refund or reschedule, without penalty.

Approved by: John Wirth, Mayor

Date Approved: May 27, 2020

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Common Council of the City of Mequon, Wisconsin, at a meeting held on May 27, 2020.

Caroline Fochs, City Clerk