



Staff Report

Subject: Park Facility Conceptual Plans for Reopening

Department/Program: Parks and Recreation

Explanation:

The Parks & Recreation's administrative team has drafted a conceptual, working document that outlines the possible strategies, policies, and changes that would be implemented to our facilities, programs, and events once the Stay at Home Order is lifted. It is the department's intention to reopen our facilities and resume services within the guidelines and recommendations from the CDC, State of Missouri, and St. Louis County. As we all know, this situation continues to change and evolve every day, and at this moment there is no definitive end in sight. At this moment, we do not know what restrictions will be imposed on us in the future, making it difficult to solidify a plan. However, our team has created a Conceptual Plan which can be tweaked and implemented once external decisions are made and more information becomes available.

Two potential strategies have been outlined in the document below. The first would be the result of Heavier Social Distancing measures (50-person gathering limit) and the second would be the result of Lighter Social Distancing measures (250-person gathering limit). Potential changes, approximate revenues, and estimated expenses to The Pointe, the Golf Course, City Parks, North Pointe, and Summer Camps are all examined in the Conceptual Plan.

Our plan for Heavier Social Distancing will allow for the Pointe to reopen with significant operational and program modifications. This would include limited admission to the fitness center, indoor pool, and gym, and staff and guests required to wear PPE. Due to our structure for day camp, it would be allowed with some modifications and relocations of different groups around our park system. North Pointe could open for aquatic programming only. We could prepare the splash pad, competition, and kiddie pools. Swim lessons, little splashers, swim club, aqua camps, and potentially birthday parties could be allowed. Golf could reopen and offer a majority of its services with some modifications still in place. Park playgrounds would remain closed, but groups of 50 or less could rent pavilions.

Our plan for Lighter Social Distancing would allow The Pointe to essentially reopen to full capacity while implementing extra and more thorough cleanings, staff and guests wearing PPE, fitness classes resuming to full capacity but continuing with modification to our larger events like the Ballwin Beer Festival. North Pointe could open and operate three of the pools with limited admission, PPE on guests on the pool deck, the spacing of chairs, and less staff. Golf would resume normal operation and Park playgrounds and restrooms could open with extra cleanings.

Each of these ideas will require a revision of the current policy and procedure. Once more information is made available, we will be able to finalize our timeline and fine-tune all details. We aim to be prepared to offer our residents an outlet for recreation and leisure to get them through this difficult time. Parks and Recreation staff regularly have contingency plans, and while this is truly an unprecedented situation, our team will be ready to adapt once it is safe and approved to resume operations.

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