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**TO:** MAYOR-TIM KABAT AND COMMON COUNCIL-CITY OF LA CROSSE

**FROM:** STEVE CARLYON – PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR

**DATE:** FEBRUARY 25, 2016

**SUBJECT:** APPROVAL OF PRESENTATION INFORMATION REGARDING MEMORIAL POOL AND RECOMMENDATION FOR FUTURE OF MEMORIAL POOL.

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

The Board of Park Commissioners at their regular meeting of February 25, 2016 unanimously approved the following motion per the presentation of information regarding Memorial Pool and recommendation for future of Memorial Pool.

Motion by Marvin Wanders, second by Jim Webb for recommendation to close Memorial Pool in 2016, request for funds in the 2017 Capital Improvement Budget to fund a study by the city and engage the neighborhood groups in exploring the feasibility of fixing the pool or constructing a new pool. The new pool could be at the existing pool location or in the current neighborhood vicinity or collaborative with the university.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Director

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Agenda Item I from Park Board Minutes – February 25, 2016.

- I. Jay Odegaard – Presentation of information regarding Memorial Pool and recommendation for future of Memorial Pool. Parks Superintendent, Jay Odegaard, reviewed pictures of deteriorated areas within the pool structure/pool, talked about the large amount of money for mechanical issues the department has invested in the pool over the past few years and reviewed recommendations for future use of Memorial Pool. Three recommendations were made:
  - 1) Close Memorial Pool in 2016; Sell the property and use funds to improve Erickson Pool and Northside Community Pool.
  - 2) Close Memorial Pool in 2016; Request funds in the 2017 & 2018 Capital Improvement Budgets to remodel Memorial Pool.
  - 3) Close Memorial Pool in 2016; Sell property and use funds, along with a request for funds in the 2017 and 2018 Capital Improvement Budgets, to construct a new pool at a new location.

There were several people who spoke in favor of not closing the pool, noted they lived and moved to area due to close proximity of the pool for walking/biking, convenience for students going to UWL and noted it is a historical icon for the neighborhood/City of La Crosse. The board was very sympathetic to people that spoke but also felt the Parks and Recreation Department was justified with budget concerns regarding fixing or replacing the old pool with something more efficient. Motion by Marvin Wanders, second by Jim Webb for recommendation to close Memorial Pool in 2016, request for funds in the 2017 Capital Improvement Budget to fund a study by the city and engage the neighborhood groups in exploring the feasibility of fixing the pool or constructing a new pool. The new pool could be at the existing pool location or in the current neighborhood vicinity or collaborative with the university. (Unanimous)

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