

Pelican Rapids Pool Project



Pelican Rapids, MN 56572

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To: Minnesota State Legislature Capital Investment Division Committee

Re: Pelican Rapids City Pool Project

The Pelican Rapids Pool Committee and the City of Pelican Rapids, MN is seeking legislative funding to bring a state of the art, family-friendly, multicultural aquatic facility to Pelican Rapids and the larger regional area.

The current pool in Pelican Rapids was built in 1978 and has reached a point of structural deterioration that is no longer repairable. A structural study done in 2012 recommended closing the facility. The three goals of this project are building community, inclusion and safety, and healthy living. This aquatic center will provide safe recreational opportunities for families within the community and broader geographic area. In 2019, the Pelican Rapids Pool served over 2500 guests which equates to the population of our rural community. The Pelican Rapids facility is one of only two public outdoor swimming pools in Otter Tail County and the new aquatic center would have the only outdoor water slide in the region.

Pelican Rapids is a rural community in northwestern Minnesota, unique for its ethnic, cultural, and religious diversity. There are over 14 languages spoken in this unique community, and over 55% of our population represents non-European backgrounds. 22% of Pelican Rapids lives below the poverty line which is significantly higher than the national average of 14%. This proposed aquatic center would be a multicultural hub and is a necessity for Pelican Rapids.

We hope the Minnesota State Legislature Capital Investment Division Committee sees this as an opportunity to invest in our rural community and partner with Pelican Rapids to provide family friendly recreational opportunities as well as boost regional tourism.

Please see attached documents including digital renderings of the new pool design as well as a cost projection for construction and future operating costs. You may also visit our website at www.pelicanrapidspool.com for more information.

At this time, there is \$2.5 million committed to this project through commitments from the City of Pelican Rapids, corporate, and private donors. Aggressive fundraising campaigns have raised awareness, excitement, and funds within our rural MN community. This project is shovel ready, and the support of the Minnesota State Legislature will make this project a reality. Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Kate Martinez, Chair; 218-731-1967
Pelican Rapids Pool Committee

Amy King, Secretary; 712-579-6247

Pelican Rapids Aquatic Complex



Project Timeline

2012: Current Pool Deemed Unsafe/Unreparable

2012: Pool Committee had community vote on designs, current new pool design was chosen

2018: Pool committee reformed and began strategizing for fundraising

2019: City committed \$1.2 million to kick off fundraising

2019: Generous private donor gave \$500,000 plus up to \$500,000 match

2020: Amid Covid-19 continued fundraising, Alumni challenge, etc.

2021: Requesting \$1.5 million in bonding funding to complete project

Project Goals

- Building Community
- Inclusion and Safety
- Healthy Living

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Aquatic Facility Design Amenities Included:

Accessible Bathhouse for aquatic facility and campground, Gazebo, Zero Entry Pool, Water Slide, Lazy River, Lap Pool, Diving Board, Play Feature, Splash Pad Zone

Pool Project Fundraising Goal: \$4.0 million

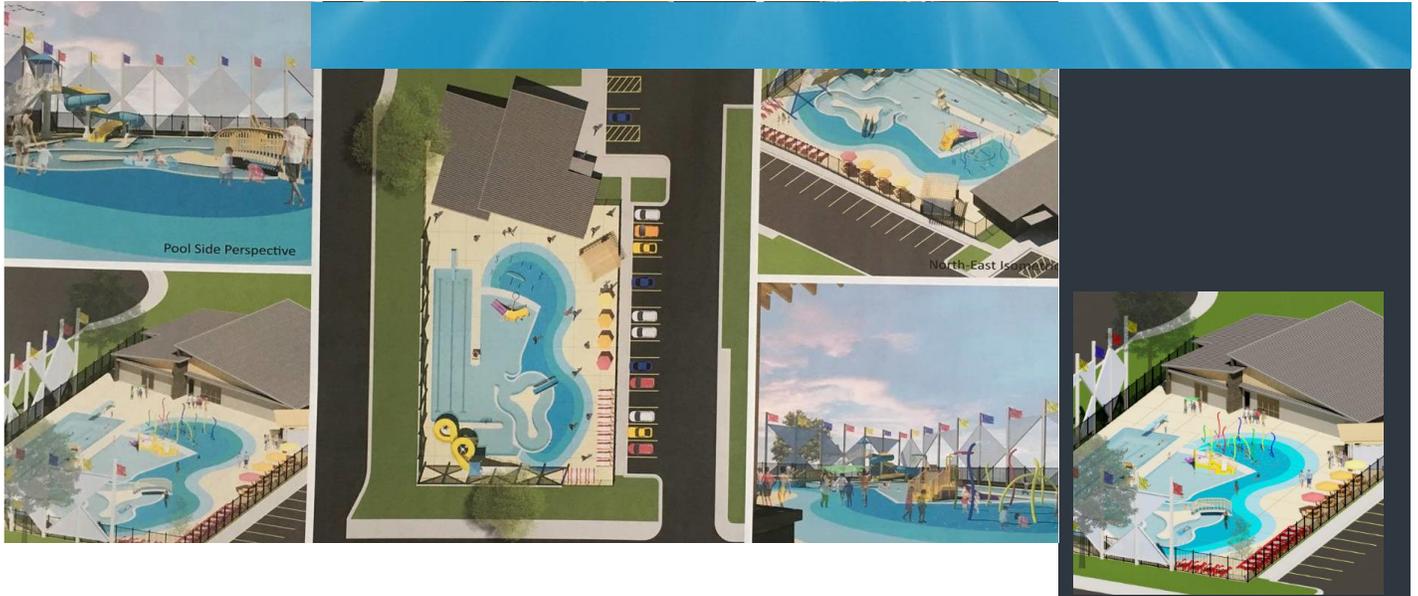


Funds Raised as of 4.1.21:
\$2,496,166.30

Funding Breakdown:

City Commitment: \$1,200,000.00
Corporate & Private Donations: \$1,296,166.30
In-Kind Donations: \$55,509.00

Pool Committee Members



City of Pelican Rapids

- Population of 2502
- Median Household Income- \$42,981
- 22% of the community lives below the poverty line- national average is 14%.
- 55% of Pelican Rapids students receive free and reduced lunch due to economic challenges.
- Highly diverse population- 55% of residents representing non-European backgrounds
- 14 Languages Spoken
- 92% graduation rate in 2019 from Pelican Rapids High School which is 10% over the state average.



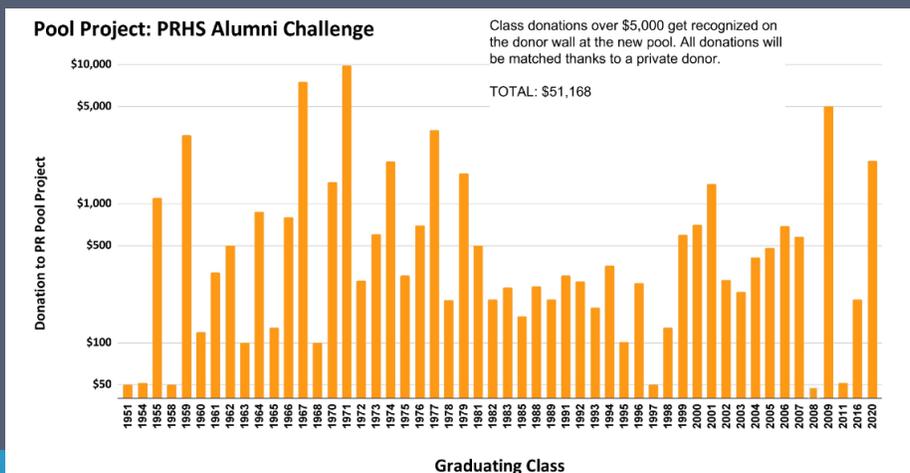
Community Photo Challenge



ALUMNI CHALLENGE

PRHS Alumni was challenged by class to raise as much money as possible in 2020. Through aggressive Social Media, advertising and articles in the Pelican Press, and word of mouth,

PRHS Alumni proudly raised: \$51,168



SCHEMATIC PROJECT CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATE OPTION B3

REVISION 2.1.2021

Pool & Pool Deck Demolition	10,288 SF @ \$ 5.00 = \$ 51,440
Building Demolition	1,325 SF @ \$ 15.00 = \$ 19,875
Site Remediation	32,700 SF @ \$ 0.60 = \$ 19,620
Site Work	28,200 SF @ \$ 3.05 = \$ 86,010

Bath House Construction:

Building General:	4,500 SF @ \$115.00 = \$517,500
Building Mechanical:	4,500 SF @ \$ 70.00 = \$315,000
Building Electrical:	4,500 SF @ \$ 40.00 = \$180,000
Pool Mechanical:	4,500 SF @ \$ 20.00 = \$ 90,000

Added Building Amenities

Gazebo:	256 SF @ \$165.00 = \$ 42,240
Pool Deck w/8' CL fence	13,000 SF @ \$ 9.50 = \$123,500
Solar Panels	1,806 SF @ \$ 65.00 = \$117,390

ESTIMATED BUILDING COST \$ 1,562,575

Pool Construction 4,509 SF @ \$270.00 = \$1,215,000

Added Pool Amenities

Splash Pad	525 SF @ \$380.95 = \$200,000
Slide	14' tall / 140' long = \$220,000
Play Feature	= \$175,000
Diving Board	= \$ 20,000

ESTIMATED POOL CONSTRUCTION \$ 1,830,000

Design and Engineering Fees = \$285,340

Contingency 10.00% = \$339,250

Testing and Permits 0.005% = \$ 16,500

TOTAL PROJECT CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATE \$ 4,033,665

Bath house	\$8-\$10 per day for 365 days	\$ 2,920 - 3,650
Pool	\$900-\$1,100 per 8 hour day for 90 days	\$81,000 - 99,000
Splash Pad	\$35-\$45 per 8 hour day for 90 days	\$ 3,150 - 4,050
Slide	\$50-\$65 per 8 hour day for 90 days	\$ 4,500 - 5,850
Lazy River	\$75-\$100 per 8 hour day for 90 days	\$ 6,750 - 9,000

YEARLY ESTIMATED OPERATION COST \$98,320 - 121,550

Bathroom Amenities:

- Accessible Locker Rooms
- Camp Ground Toilet/Shower Area
- Family Changing Area
- Accessible Parking
- Gazebo

Pool Amenities:

- Zero Entry Pool
- Water Slide with Plunge Pool
- Lazy River 7'x100'
- 3 lane lap pool with Diving Well
- Vortex Play Feature
- Splash Pad Zone