



12650 DETROIT AVENUE 44107 216-529-6055  
[www.lakewoodoh.gov](http://www.lakewoodoh.gov)  
Lakewood City Council  
JOHN LITTEN, PRESIDENT  
SARAH KEPPLER, VICE PRESIDENT

**Council at Large**  
THOMAS R. BULLOCK III  
TRISTAN RADER  
SARAH KEPPLER

**Ward Council**  
KYLE BAKER, WARD 1  
JASON SHACHNER, WARD 2  
JOHN LITTEN, WARD 3  
CINDY MARX, WARD 4

Noticed 09/21/23

## **PUBLIC NOTICE – PUBLIC WORKS & SUSTAINABILITY**

The Public Works & Sustainability Committee will meet Monday September 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of Lakewood City Hall at 12650 Detroit Avenue. The meeting is open to the public.

Individuals with disabilities who require accommodations for participation in meetings must request accommodations at least 3 business days ahead of the scheduled meeting. Contact Michelle Nocht at (216) 529-5906 [michelle.nochta@lakewoodoh.net](mailto:michelle.nochta@lakewoodoh.net).

The meeting will be livestreamed on the City's website at the following link:

---

[www.lakewoodoh.gov/councilvideos](http://www.lakewoodoh.gov/councilvideos)

---

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PROTOCOL**

The public is invited to comment on agenda items in person or by submitting a written comment in advance of the meeting using the eComment platform available [HERE](#). New users must create an eComment account.

### ***The agenda is as follows:***

Approval of the minutes of the June 20, 2023 meeting of the Public Works & Sustainability Committee.

Communication from Councilmember Baker & Mayor George regarding municipal swimming pool operations discussion following Foster Pool renovation. (*Referred to PWS 07/17/23*)

Tristan Rader, Chair  
Tom Bullock, Kyle Baker; Members  
**PUBLIC WORKS & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**



12650 DETROIT AVENUE 44107 216-529-6055

[www.lakewoodoh.gov](http://www.lakewoodoh.gov)

Lakewood City Council  
JOHN LITTEN, PRESIDENT  
SARAH KEPPLER, VICE PRESIDENT

**Council at Large**  
THOMAS R. BULLOCK III  
TRISTAN RADER  
SARAH KEPPLER

**Ward Council**  
KYLE BAKER, WARD 1  
JASON SHACHNER, WARD 2  
JOHN LITTEN, WARD 3  
CINDY MARX, WARD 4

July 17, 2023

**Re: Municipal Swimming Pool Operations Discussion following Foster Pool Renovation**

Dear Colleagues,

Over the past few years the City embarked on an ambitious planning and capital improvement process to take in public input and ultimately design and construct a new and improved Foster Pool at Lakewood Park. It had been nearly 40 years since Foster Pool had seen a renovation. The City invested over \$4.5 million in the project and opened up the newly renovated Foster Pool to much fanfare on time and on budget on June 8, 2023.

In February 2023, in anticipation of the excitement, increased attendance, and attention due to the significant capital investment, the City initiated discussions and legislation regarding the municipal swimming pools and invited the Lakewood City Schools Board of Education (“Board of Education”) to public meetings to discuss admissions rates and aquatic operations. The City and the Board of Education have a unique relationship for operating the outdoor municipal pools. The City maintains the structures, water, chemicals, filters, and pumps while the Board of Education maintains the staff of lifeguards and the daily operations of the pools such as cleaning the facilities, scheduling programs, and monitoring of the water. Moreover, the City reimburses the Board of Education for all financial obligations beyond what is taken in from the pool fees.

City personnel routinely meet with Board of Education personnel to discuss the municipal swimming pools and athletic fields. The purpose of these meetings are to ensure open lines of communication and to provide both operational and public feedback to all entities. Additionally, City Council held a series of meeting with the Board of Education to discuss the municipal pools. On February 27 and March 6, 2023, the Public Works & Sustainability Committee discussed municipal pool rates and general operations with members of the City’s Public Works Department and representatives from the Board of Education, namely the Recreation Department, the department that operates the pools on behalf of the Board of Education. Discussions included municipal pool rates, increased costs of operations due to wages, chemicals, and utilities, group permitting processes, signage, checking identification for proof of residency in line with the rate structure, and potential new software for season passes/admissions. The minutes from the February 27, 2023 Public Works & Sustainability Meeting indicated that the Recreation Department was planning and preparing for a large surge in pool use at Foster Pool for the upcoming season. At the March 6, 2023 City Council Meeting, City Council unanimously passed Resolution 2023-07 establishing rates of admission to the Lakewood municipal swimming pools. The new rates of admission went into effect at the start of the 2023 outdoor swimming pool season, which is currently underway.

Now that Foster Pool has been open to the public for over a month, City Council and the Administration would like to invite representatives from the Recreation Department and/or Board of Education to a City Council Committee Meeting to discuss how it has gone so far, ways in which it can be improved, and celebrate successes. Having a well-run, effectively-managed, clean and safe set of municipal pools will help make Lakewood an attractive community for people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities. Members of the public have expressed some concerns about pool operations and crowds, some of which is to be expected with a newly renovated and popular facility; others of which need to be addressed. The City is committed to working on solutions to make sure that the entire community can be proud of the municipal pools. The aim of this communication is to initiate a conversation

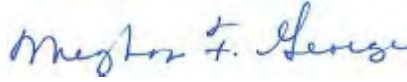
about the model of operations of the municipal pools while the season is fresh in our minds to ensure that the City and the Board of Education are working collaboratively to take in public feedback and make sure that the 2024 municipal pool season is a success.

We look forward to working with the Board of Education on this issue. We ask that this communication be referred to the Public Works & Sustainability Committee for further discussion.

*Sincerely,*



Kyle G. Baker  
Councilmember Ward 1



Meghan F. George  
Mayor