

Report of the Pool Committee
December 16, 2024

The pool committee met for a holiday brunch and meeting last week. We focused on finalizing our fundraising plans for the pool furniture, and the highlights of the meeting were:

- Kugel is yummy!
- Depending on our ability to reach our goal, phase I will consist of 13 loungers and 7 small end tables for a total of \$7043.08. This includes delivery and set up and a 10% bulk discount. The deposit required when placing the order would be \$2113.
- We currently have pledges of \$1800.
- The plan is to talk to some frequent users in January and have some more initial donations and commitments by February 1st, then roll out a broader campaign in February with the goal of having commitments by March 1st and all Phase I funds raised by May 1st.
- Phase II would be new umbrellas and stands for approximately \$3000, and Phase III would be new café tables for approximately \$4000. The timing of the later phases is undetermined at this point but would be determined by our fundraising ability.
- See attached FAQs for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

By Becky Burns (chair)

On behalf of the committee:

Susan Isenman (board representative), Preston Robison (board representative), MaryAnn Shupe, Patty Byers, Rochelle Roberts, and Terri Colon

FAQ's

The need: Why new furniture, why now?

The old furniture is breaking and losing functionality. Additional loungers, adding some loungers with arms, and adding side tables will better meet the needs of the users of the pool.

Committee's recommendation:

Selection process:

We started online but decided that we really need to be able to test the loungers for functionality and comfort before purchase. We looked at Nameco, Home Depot, and Lowes before Lowery's.

Why this company?

We are recommending Lowery's because they (1) had options that met our needs that we could test out in person (2) were reasonably priced including a 10% bulk discount, (3) were of suitable quality for commercial use*, (4) will deliver at a flat fee of \$69, and (5) had a wide range of color selections.

*The frame of the loungers has a three-year warranty, but Lowery's has seen the loungers last 30 years.

The scope of the project, costs, and timeframes: They breakdown as follows:

Phase 1:

Replace all 9 old loungers and 6 white chairs with 13 new loungers and 7 side tables

total cost: \$7043.08. Timeframe: early winter 2025

Phase 2:

Replace 5 umbrellas and stands with 5 new umbrellas and stands in coordinating colors

estimated cost: \$3000. Timeframe TBD

Phase 3:

Replace 5 tables with 5 new 32' tables

estimated costs: \$4,000. Timeframe TBD

Suggested donation amounts:

Gifts of any amount will help us get to our goal. Please give according to your ability and how much you enjoy the pool. (Giving amounts will remain confidential and will only be known by Becky, who is receiving the checks and will be tracking fundraising efforts, and Susan, the Board Treasurer.)

Why is the committee asking for donations instead of recommending this as part of the budget or an assessment:

We appreciate that the recent renovations were approved by a small margin, and we don't want to ask the Board to reflect one-time expenses in the budget or consider an additional assessment on the heels of the prior ones. We think voluntary contributions allow the users of the pool to contribute on a level that reflects the individual value they place on the pool and their personal financial means.

Payment:**Checks:**

Payable to: Parsons Pond Condo Association

Send to: Becky Burns at 21 Wakely Court