

Madison Community Pool

Madison, MN

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Project Completion Date

June 25th, 2014



Upper Minnesota Valley
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People

Project Champions: Madison community members

Companies: Bolton & Menk, US Aquatics, Global Specialties, Whitewater, Greg Schilling Concrete, and many additional local subcontractors.

Jon Radermacher was the City Manager during this project.



Goals

The motivation for the renovation came primarily from the amount of community support gathered for a movie theater upgrade. Additionally, the swimming pool was one of the oldest continually operated outdoor pools in the state and had been the target of desired improvements for some time. Due to the aging facilities, the number of people using the pool began to decline as it became less user friendly. It was hoped that renovating the pool would increase community membership.

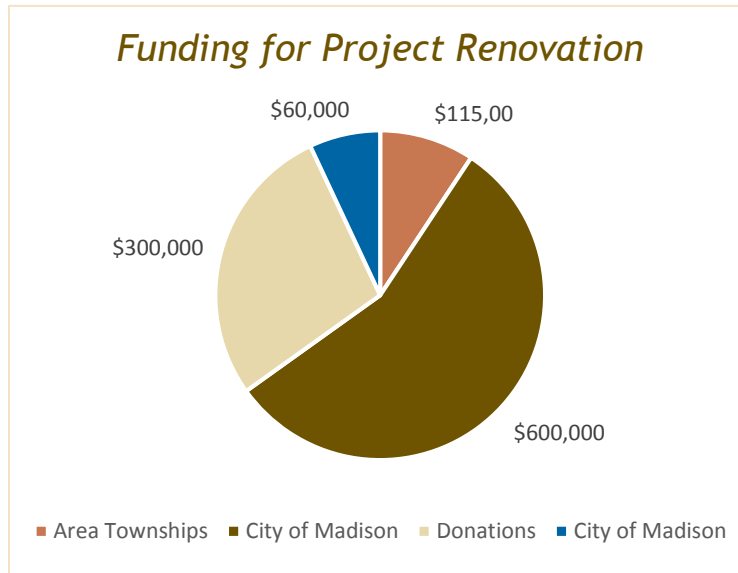
Timeline

The idea for the project was conceived at the end of 2012. The idea was brought to a public meeting hosted by the Madison City Council to determine which of the three possible designs would be best for the community. It took the community from 2012 until November of 2013 to secure funding for the project. In September of 2013, the project broke ground, and the facility opened to the public in June.



Funding

Funding for the Madison Pool came primarily from the City and donations, with another large sum coming from the townships surrounding the city.



Results

The Madison Pool was completed in June 2014. There were many successes celebrated both during and after the renovations. Jon Radermacher, former Madison City Manager, noted that being prepared when attending public meetings and finding a project manager who was reliable and communicated regularly were a few of the reasons this project succeeded. He stated that getting the public involved earlier in the process as well as having more public input prior to identifying renovation objects would encourage community engagement and support.

Another great result was the added jobs to the Madison community. Life guarding positions have become a great summer job opportunity for local students. The pool has become a great asset to bring people to town and market the area. Overall, the community overwhelmingly supported the project making it a great success.

“The last 10 years we have had an influx of younger generations moving back. They have brought children, so it has been a great joy to see them utilizing the pool. Social media has seen many positive comments. The community has received it very well!”

Maynard Meyer

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Financial Sustainability

Before the renovations, the Madison pool experienced an operating loss of about \$60,000 per year. The renovations helped to decrease the loss by \$10,000 per year, so that the operating loss is now around \$50,000 per year. The City has also agreed to upgrade the pool heater to reduce the high costs the current heater incurs as a result of inefficiencies. According to Radermacher, as long as the Madison City Council and the Madison community continue to subsidize the cost of operations, the Madison Pool will be able to remain open and available to the community.



2019 Operating Expenses

PART-TIME WAGES	54,964.53
PERA CONTRIBUTIONS (CITY)	110.57
FICA CONTRIBUTIONS (CITY)	4,193.00
WORKERS COMPENSATION INSU	2,397.00
TRAINING	1,362.04
OPERATING SUPPLIES	1,040.45
LAB SUPPLIES/CHEMICALS	5,703.74
PROMOTIONAL SUPPLIES	30.33
MISC. OPERATING SUPPLIES	490.85
BUILDING REPAIR SUPPLIES	100.16
MINOR TOOLS & EQUIPMENT	349.61
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	1,287.30
ADVERTISING	56.00
PUBLICATIONS	44.00
GENERAL LIABILITY INSURAN	382.00
PROPERTY INSURANCE	11,551.00
UTILITY EXPENSE	17,067.68
BUILDING M & R CONTRACT	178.35
EQUIPMENT M & R CONTRACT	4,683.90
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	170.00
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	300.00
LICENSES & TAXES	669.00
TOTAL	107,131.51