



# PROJECT COMMUNICATION





# MEETING NOTES

## Parks and Recreation Board meeting – January 14, 2025

On January 14, 2025, Counsilman-Hunsaker met with the City of St. Marys Parks and Recreation Board to overview the swimming pool feasibility study project and receive feedback related to the project vision, goals, the use and functionality of the existing swimming pool and possible enhancements to aquatic offerings in St. Marys. Below are comments and feedback from the Board in relation to the existing pool and potential future options.

- The existing pool's size is suitable for days with high usage.
- A new pool layout should aim to reduce the operating subsidy, and the swimming pool in St. Marys needs to be right-sized for the community's needs.
- The study should focus on realistic outcomes with reasonable and attainable funding options.
- The pool must offer both recreational swimming and swimming lessons, and the new facility should have a lifespan of 30 years or more.
- Key priorities for a new swimming pool include a zero-depth beach entry, open water space for teaching swimming lessons, and ADA accessible entries.
- The new swimming pool should be designed to help reduce lifeguard staffing levels.

