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The City Commission has made the decision to not reopen the pool for the 2007 summer season.

Chanute, KS April 24, 2007 – The City Commission met with members of the Pool Steering Committee and City staff to walk through the pool earlier this month.

City staff briefed the commission and steering committee on structural damages found by employees in the park department. Staff explained that several causes have led to the deterioration of the pool including; the age of the pool and the exceptionally harsh winter this year.

“Due to deterioration of the cement from 74 years of chlorinated water, winter freeze-thaw cycles and age, the diving well walls failed structurally,” said Dan McMillan, Cemetery and Parks Supervisor. “For the last few swim seasons, we have experienced unusually high water loss due to leakage from the pool. We discovered this year several rotten areas in the diving well slopes, along with areas where the diving well joins the main body of the pool. The slopes of the diving well have heaved causing a roughly 2 inch lip to develop between the diving well slope and the main pool.”

In addition, staff pointed out to the commissioners and committee members that the gutter system has been rotten, for several years and has become very unsafe, due to pieces of cement separating and falling into the pool.

Contractors have submitted quotes to the City for the needed repairs. Only two contractors were willing to submit a bid and the costs ranged from \$68,000 to around \$85,000 with no guarantees the work would hold. Without the guarantee that the repairs would hold up and the possibility of a new swimming pool in the future, it was decided by the commission that it would not be cost effective or a good use of the community's funds to do the repairs.

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