



## **Recreation & Arena Advisory Commission Meeting**

**June 14 2021**

### **Rochester Arena Conference Room**

Sheila Colson, Dale Bickford, Dave Colson, Paul Roberts, Joan Strogon, Kevin Barry, Dave Camire, TJ Jean, Dick Clough, Chris Bowlen, Steve Trepanier, Lauren Krans

#### **Roll Call**

#### **Accept May Minutes**

Dave Colson motion to accept. Sheila Colson second.

#### **Review Revenue & Expense Reports**

Dale Bickford inquired about anticipated ice contract revenues for the upcoming year. Director Bowlen is hopeful for a much more normal season. He explained that currently there are no restrictions related to COVID-19. The department will be submitting a request to the Finance Department to receive American Covid Recovery Act funding for lost revenue.

Dale Bickford motion to accept, Kevin Barry motion to second.

#### **Squamagonic Recreation Area Challenges**

Director Bowlen briefed the group on this 40 acre recreational area and how it has evolved into a 18 hole disc golf course. This course has become a destination for disc golfers around the region. This area is closed each Friday and the entire month of November to support local law enforcement training.

A neighboring community member has contacted the City with concerns about activity happening at the park. Recreation staff is working closely with RPD and DPW to find solutions

#### **Summer Program Update & Community Swim Overview**

Assistant Director Krans briefed the commission on summer camp-95 campers have registered and the program begins on June 23. Concert on Common will take place on Thursdays this summer and will be marketed as part of a "Summer Music Series" with Rochester Main Street's Tuesday afternoon concerts on Parson and Main.

Community Swim will allow for Rochester Residents to reserve a 45 minute swim slot. Nonresidents will be able to walk up as numbers can accommodate. Each slot will max out at 30 people.

The department has become an official Red Cross Certified provider.

#### **Vending Machines in Department Facilities**

Assistant Director Krans

The Commission Supported removing vending machines from recreation space at the Community Center and the Rochester Arena.

#### **Update on Initial Ice Requests for 21-22 Ice Season**

Arena Supervisor Trepanier briefed the commission on received ice request for the upcoming season. At present he has heard from all but one user group about returning this fall.



### **Other**

Director Bowlen shared that the Hanson Pines Walk and Talk was a great success. The July 3<sup>rd</sup> Fireworks will be taking place with July 5 as a rain date. The department is currently onboarding with Rec Desk, a new recreation registration and facility scheduling software.

Dale Bickford asked about turf. The department has received the additional funding through the CIP process to purchase the new turf product. The plan is to have this product ready for next spring season.

Dave Camire inquired about the Tennis Courts. Director Bowlen shared that this was included in DPW's CIP budget and believes it will be happening at the start of the new fiscal year.

Assistant Director Krans shared that the school department is inquiring about using the Community Center gymnasium for their basketball season. Department management is meeting with the SHS AD and principal over the next week to discuss.

The Rochester Area Senior Center has approached the recreation department about taking over it's space. The department will be exploring this as an option to help strengthen senior programming.