



**Rochester Recreation & Arena Advisory Commission Meeting Agenda**  
**Monday, December 15, 2020 | 6pm via Microsoft Teams**



**1) Attendance/Roll Call**

Sheila Colson, Dave Colson, Trey Scott, Dale Bickford, David Camire, Kevin Barry, Doug Lachance, Dick Clough, Steve Trepanier, Chris Bowlen, Sarah Ward

**2) Public Input**

No Public Input.

**3) Accept November Minutes**

Dale Bickford motioned to accept November 2020 minutes. Dave Colson seconded motion.

**4) Review Revenue & Expense Reports**

Director Bowlen briefed commission on Revenue and Expense reports. Chris also shared that he has briefed the Finance Committee on Arena budget.

David Camire asked about how ice invoices are handled if a school has to cancel due to COVID-19. Chris advised that Ice customers are not billed for these times.

**5) COVID Operations - Arena**

Chris Bowlen informed group that the Arena had got into the groove of operating with COVID guidelines and has been able to backfill some times that were vacated due to COVID.

Steve Trepanier discussed some of those changes with Somersworth moving to evening/weekend ice and other organizations buying ice.

David Camire shared that the Rochester School Board has approved Winter Sports.

Chris Bowlen shared that games will begin in January.

Kevin Barry asked if school sports will be extending their season if they are starting late. Steve Trepanier responded indicating that the schedule has already been established and they are not currently scheduled to extend the season as Spring sports will then be ready to start.

Dale Bickford inquired about backfilling ice slots with other customers and the affect for future years. Chris Bowlen responded and indicated that we do not want to disrupt that balance of current customers because of the changes due to COVID this year.

Chris Bowlen shared that the Arena would like to start offering some public events in January and re-approach adult user groups.

Chris Bowlen also shared that there is still access to funding for turf, exterior facility painting as well as sprinklers.



## **6) COVID Operations - Recreation**

Chris Bowlen shared an update regarding the basketball program which is expected to start in mid to late January. It will look different this year and will be offered to 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Family Open gym has been a huge success and we would like to offer additional time in the coming months. Senior pickleball is not ready to move inside. Ren N Reindeer will deliver holiday activity bags on December 19<sup>th</sup> to 40 families. The Give Thanks bags were well received in November.

Chris Bowlen shared that at the January meeting discussion will start regarding Summer 2021.

Chris Bowlen also shared that the budget process is underway and he is meeting with DPW to discuss bigger ticket items.

Chris Bowlen and Doug Lachance discussed last month's Commission guest DJ Poulin and his interest in an indoor water facility. Doug mentioned that he wasn't sure this was the time to bring to Council but would like to start the conversations.

Sheila Colson mentioned that she is looking forward to the Poker Walk for City and School employees on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Employees contribute food items to participate.

The Commission will meet again on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 6ppm

Sheila Colson made a motion to adjourn at 6:45pm, Dave Colson seconded.