

Recreation & Arena Advisory Commission Meeting December 12, 2022 Recreation Conference Room 1



Attendance: Lauren Krans; Steve Trepanier, Jeff Turgeon, Nicole Lee, Sheila Colson, Dave Colson, Dick Clough, Paul Roberts, Dale Bickford, Dana Berlin

1. Accept November Minutes

Dave Colson motioned to accept. Unanimous support

2. Review Revenue & Expense Reports

Dale Bickford motioned to accept. Unanimous support

3. Concert On The Common 2023 Overview

Marketing Program Coordinator Nicole Lee presented plan to have concerts on Wednesday nights with a rain date of Thursday nights. Plan on more aggressive marketing of the concert series. Unanimous Support.

Summer Camp 2023 Overview

Rec Supervisor Jeff Turgeon reviewed proposed changes of moving all camps back to the Community Center. Commission Member D Colson mentioned that he believed this was the traditional model for summer camp years ago. This would allow a more adhesive group for communications and activities and a better camper experience. It is challenging managing camps offsite at facilities that are not managed by the department. There will still be 4 different camps and would like to break down the age groups into two separate groups. Will review further the impact on pools and customers. Unanimous support.

4. Ice Season 2022-2023 Review

Assistant Director Trepanier discussed that the ice season is going well and has strong ice sales, facility is doing great. Dave Colson mentioned that he has been receiving positive feedback about the cleanliness of the Arena.

5. CDBG Pickleball Court and Hanson Pines Teen Area Update

Director Krans met with the High School AD about the transition of 1 tennis court pickleball courts and how it would impact the HS tennis program. AD Hebert had some concerns about the potential noise and schedule impact during home matches. If this happened, the PB courts would need to be closed during sanctioned matches. Staff asked to Explore potential of courts in the upper parking lot at the Community Center if this is not a feasible option and the CDBG application amendment requires a decision, the conversion of the tennis court is the next step to explore Commission does not want to lose grant money.





6. Proposed Rec & Arena Rate/Fee Review Process

Director Krans would like to conduct an annual rate and fee review. Over the next couple of months, we will review the most immediate fees changes and then will review all remaining fees prior to July.

7. Other

Squam disc golf baskets have been received. Staff is working with IT on the Aiphone FY23 CIP to see what the technology needs are for this system. Fun Fest budget has been approved. RSAC membership has been very popular, we may need to consider putting a pause on non-resident memberships to ensure quality of programs if waitlists continue to grow. Putting issues and options together for a proposed department reorg as supported by HR. Dale Bickford discussed CIP status for certain projects at the Arena.

Holiday Skate on Saturday, December 17th.

Next Meeting: January 9, 2023 at 6:00pm Conference Room 1