

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

**May 13, 2019**

### **Rochester Community Center, Conference Room 1**

**Attendance:** Kevin Barry, Julie Brown, Bob Brown, Paul Roberts, Chris Bowlen, Lauren Krans, Dale Bickford, Dave Ancil, Steve Trepanier, Nancy Carignan

#### **Accept April Minutes**

Dale Bickford motion to accept. Julie Brown second.

#### **Review Revenue and Expense Reports**

Barry motion to accept, Dale Bickford second.

Director Bowlen advised that the ice rate/rental structure will be reviewed for the following year.

#### **FY20 Budget Process Update**

Last week Director Bowlen presented the proposed FY20 Budget to the City Council. Tomorrow Director Bowlen will present the Capital Improvement Projects including

Arena Parking Lot Renovation, Arena Painting of Facility Exterior, Arena Fire Sprinkler System and Arena Indoor Sports Turf.

All departments have presented their operating budgets.

Director Bowlen presented at the Public Works Committee in February about the condition of the Arena parking lot.

#### **Update on Arena Fitness Studio**

Arena Supervisor Trepanier briefed the group on the upstairs fitness studio at the Arena.

Fierce Fit ended their lead of the fitness studio in April.

Rochester Youth Hockey is interested in renting the space July through March for dry land training.

RYH programs are growing; dryland training would allow them to expand their practices.

Rochester Police Department is currently using the space for their free Self Defense Class offered to the community.

#### **Community Center Building Rules**

Assistant Director Krans presented the commission with proposed rules for the Community Center Building. The rules will be categorized by the School Districts "Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible" philosophy that the department also uses for their Camp programs.

The Commission supported presenting these rules to the City's Legal Department for review. Upon this review and approval of Director Bowlen, the Commission supports posting these rules in the facility.

### **School District Use of Rec Facility Space**

Recreation Supervisor Jacobs presented the commission with the challenges of school department use of recreation space, specifically the gymnasium. As the recreation department looks to expand programming, there are limitations based on what facility hours the school department needs. Music In Our School was discussed as an event that may have outgrown the facility space at the Community Center.

The Commission would like recreation staff explore ways that the Music in Our School Event can remain in the facility but be safe and working within capacity requirements. The Commission also advised that the recreation department request more staffing support from the school department.

### **Rochester Social Club Proposed Fundraiser**

The Rochester Social Club would like the Recreation Department to be the recipient of the proceeds of their annual Kickball Fundraiser. In past years they have raised about \$2,000. The Social Club would like this money to support scholarships for participants of youth programs at the Rec.

The Commission supported this idea and would like department staff to move forward with exploring how to accept this donation.

Dale Bickford motion to end meeting. Kevin Barry second.