

Recreation & Arena Advisory Commission

October 15, 2018

Present: A. Jacobs, L. Krans, J. Strogon, N. Carnigan, J. Brown, B. Brown, D. Clough, S. Trepanier, A. Anctil, D. Bickford, D. Colson

Motion to begin meeting, Dave Colson.

Second Dale Bickford.

Presentation on Proposed "Nerdfest" Event at Arena

Presenter did not attend meeting.

Review of Minutes

Motion to accept September 2018 Minutes, Dave Colson

Second Dale Bickford.

Review of Finance Reports

Asst. Director Krans explained that a transfer of \$1600 into the Admin Equipment Account was for new office furniture.

Review of Community Center Tours

Art Jacobs, Lauren Krans, City Manager Cox and DPW Director Nourse visited Concord, Franklin and Meredith Community Centers.

At all three centers, the recreation department managed the building and had their own building and maintenance staff.

The Concord director highlighted that he always has at least two staff members on at all times-one to greet customers at the front desk and keep an eye on the entrance and the other to attend to program/event/facility needs.

Recreation Supervisor Jacobs discussed building challenges, specifically pertaining to SHS football games on Friday nights. Students are dropped off for the game and come into the building, sometimes causing issues. Principal Roy supported the building be closed Friday nights during football season. Currently the Rec Department cannot make this decision because other tenants need access to the building. DPW has been made aware of this.

Potential Capital Improvement Projects

Asst. Director Krans suggested that a project this scale would need to be a CIP and recommended that it be re-explored next year. The Commission supported doing this.

Arena Supervisor Trepanier proposed exploring indoor sports turf for the arena in the non ice season. He has reached out to 3 sports turf companies to get estimates on cost and will present at the next meeting.

Proposed Summer Camp Changes

Recreation Supervisor Art proposed three changes to summer camp:

- Creating a role of Camp Director for each camp location. Increasing pay bracket for this position to attract experienced adults, specifically teachers.
- Flexibility in the number of each counselor/head counselor/junior counselor roles at each camp to attract the most experienced staff possible.
- Hosting camp locations at Gonic, Nancy Loud School, and the Community Center
- Revising age requirements for Summer Camp and Teen Travel Camp.
- Adding 10 additional spots to Teen Travel Camp.

Commission supported changes.

Motion to end meeting, Nancy Carnigan.

Second Dave Colson.