



**Recreation & Arena Advisory Commission Meeting
December 6, 2023
Recreation Conference Room 1**

Attendance: Steve Trepanier, Lauren Krans, Dave Camire, Dave Colson, Sheila Colson, Kevin Barry, Lexy VanBinsbergen, Dick Clough, Dale Bickford

1. Public Input
No public input

2. SHS Basketball Coaches and Boosters

Chris Dooley and Keri Devine – Boys Basketball Boosters, Chris Proulx – Boys Basketball; Chris Schoonmaker – Girls Basketball and Shanna Mitropoulos Girls Basketball Boosters.

Chris Dooley provided an update on the boy's booster program, registered 501c, would like to bring the younger kids up to play during HS games, facility concern with a leaking faucet within their storage closet. Keri Devine discussed the lower numbers for travel basketball and would like Rochester to become more competitive. Had twelve kids show up for travel tryouts, typically have high 20s/low 30s. Would like to collaborate more to get messages out to families. Information to schools got out after tryouts. Dave Camire invited Keri to attend the Special Services Committee meeting to discuss this experience. Shanna Mitropoulos discussed the girl's numbers have dropped as well. There is no longer a girl's travel program. Chris Proulx discussed the concerns with the travel programs and concerns with communication and gym time. Pleasantly surprised with the number of individuals that showed up for the clinic on Sat. Keri Devine and Chris Proulx mentioned they believe the travel basketball program should be picked up by the Rec Dept again. Dave Camire clarified that is the travel program is Rochester Youth Basketball not an AAU or a School program. Chris Proulx said that the boy's program is committed to working with the Rec to boost the numbers. Chris Proulx asked about the shot clock being added to the new score board preferably on top of baskets. Chris Schoonmaker discussed that Scott Blake is having concerns with communications. Director Krans mentioned that we are working on a Standard Operating Procedure to clarify communication channels with the high school pertaining to the scheduling of athletics.

3. Review November Minutes

Dale Bickford motioned to accept. Unanimous support

4. Review Revenue and Expense Report

Dale Bickford motioned to accept. Unanimous support



5. Squamanagonic Rec Area/Disc Golf Course Approval

Director Krans provided a draft of the course rules. Dave Camire questioned who is responsible for the enforcement of the rules. Director Krans will follow-up with the city attorney regarding enforcement. Dale Bickford motioned to accept. Unanimous support.

6. FY25 Department Fee Review

Director Krans provided the proposed FY25 Recreation and Arena Fee Schedule for review. We will be differentiating more program fees by Resident vs Non-Resident. Lexy VanBinsbergen inquired about the increase in basketball rates in comparison to the other programs. Assistant Director Trepanier responded that the older age groups require game officials. Dave Camire asked about changes to teen night this year. Assistant Director Trepanier explained the program would be hosted 4 times a year now. Director Krans indicated that the FY25 Fee Schedule also outline what spaces the department rent for private use and/or specific functions that may or may not be allowed. Director Krans also noted that senior programming would be reviewed at a later date as it will require a more comprehensive review. Dale Bickford motioned to accept. Unanimous support. Commission supported Director Krans using discretion for pricing upcoming programs throughout the year.

7. Senior Activity Membership: Residency/Non-Residency Participation

Director Krans discussed feedback from residents about how busy senior programs are and that they are having difficulty participating. 60% resident/40% non-residents currently enrolled in the Senior Activity Membership. Director Krans reviewed data from Pickleball participation and stated that the majority of participants on any given day are non-residents. Discussion regarding surrounding communities and what they are offering for seniors.

Director Krans requested the Commission's support in exploring options to create a Pickleball specific memberships and potentially a non-resident specific membership for other senior programs, as well as implementing changes to the current membership plan pertaining nonresidents. Director Krans also requested support to implement a new process that would create a short-term membership for new non-residents and renewing non-residents so that staff had adequate time to plan for more comprehensive membership changes. The commission unanimously supported this approach.

8. Player Performance Area Update

Assisting Director Trepanier updated the group the acrylic has been put up and net has been custom cut for the area and needs to be installed. Heavily used by RYH.



9. Recreation Master Plan Update

Director Krans updated the Commission that the workgroup is finalizing the community survey, finishing up space reviews and Strafford Regional Planning Commission is planning to have the survey complete for distribution in mid January

10. Other

Assistant Director Trepanier indicated that he and Ryan will be working on the outdoor rink at the Common this weekend

Ancil Cup is next Wednesday at 6:30pm

We have hired a new Senior Services Coordinator

Lilac Family Fun Fest funding request for \$45,000 will go to a public hearing on December 19.

Next Meeting: January 8th @ 6pm Recreation Department Conference Room 1