

MINUTES

Troy Recreation Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 15, 2023
4:00 p.m.
Hobart Arena

Members Present: Marty Hobart, President; Ashley Reed, Secretary; Eric Herman and Autumn White.

Members Absent: Tom Dunn, Vice President.

Others Present: Kenneth Siler, Director of Recreation and Carrie Slater, Assistant Director of Recreation.

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Recreation Board, Marty Hobart.

The minutes of the January 18, 2023 Joint Recreation and Park Board meeting were read. It was moved by Mr. Herman and seconded by Mrs. White to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.

The Director informed the board that staff is currently working on the planning for all summer programs, which usually takes a few months to get everything in line with staffing, scheduling, pricing and contracts for use of facilities. Program registrations begin on April 3rd.

Float Troy reservations began on February 6th. The Assistant Director informed the board that to date there are 53 reservations. There are two nights sold out so far. Matt and Joe of the Park Department and the Assistant Director have been working on getting everything prepared and organized for this summer. Matt and Joe are going to a couple of seminars in the next couple of weeks to showcase what a tent looks like and to promote the program. They have been doing some marketing and advertising to get the word out along with sending out information. Most reservations are people returning from last year. Many of them have reserved tents several years in a row. This is the third summer that they have been overseeing the program. There are 34 dates offered this year. Last year there was 31 dates.

The board reviewed proposed 2023-24 Jr. Hockey registration program fees. There is an annual Advisory Council meeting next Tuesday to go through and review coaching applications. The Director is working on finalizing the informational packet that is mailed out to parents, which is inclusive of the fees. There are some evaluation skates in about three weeks for the next season. The proposal for next season is to increase all of the fees for the 2023-2024 season by \$20 with the exception of the Initiation Program, which the Director would like to keep at \$165. That program is for ages 5-10. It is intended for kids who haven't played before and to give them an opportunity to learn the basics of hockey and skating. Rental equipment that was secured through some grant funding over the years is provided. A lot of the kids in the Initiation

Program take advantage of the hockey rental program. They are charged \$100 for the entire season and when they turn the equipment back in at the end of the season they are refunded \$50 of it back. The Director anticipates \$2,800 in additional revenue from the increased registration fees. Funds remaining from the program after all expenses are paid each season are done as a transfer to Hobart Arena for ice rental. He is estimating an \$82,000 ice rental transfer to the arena for the use of ice for the entire 2022-2023 season. The fees for the younger groups fall in line with other programs that Dayton offers. The older groups are much more affordable. It was moved by Mr. Hobart and seconded by Mrs. White to approve the proposed 2023-2024 Jr. Hockey registration program fees. Motion carried.

The Director informed the board that this is a busy time of the year for arena events. Since the last meeting, AEW Wrestling was announced for March 18th. It is selling very well. There are approximately 1,800 seats sold to date. The Director is hoping to get 3,000 tickets sold for the event. The Director says it should be a good event for the arena as far as ticket revenue, merchandise and concessions. Staff is working on fall events. There is a full schedule through the end of May and June and then the ice will be on. The plan at the end of summer ice is to do the initial installation of the new ice deck cover. The goal is to have it advertised, awarded and ordered so that it can be laid at the very end of summer ice during the first week of August.

Summer ice coupons, which are for skaters who rent ice by the hour when they are taking instruction by a skating pro or getting time on the ice individually is a \$10 per hour freestyle coupon ticket that they purchase through the front desk. The Director would like to propose to keep them at the same rate for this summer as they have been for several summers. It was moved by Mrs. Reed and seconded by Mrs. White to keep the summer ice coupons at a rate of \$10. Motion carried.

The Assistant Director informed the board that season passes are on target with where they typically are at this time of the year. Yesterday was the deadline for the 2022 staff to let her know whether or not they are returning for 2023. Seventy-six percent of the staff from last year have said they are returning. She has recruited and has applications on file for 5 or 6 new lifeguards. She is very confident that there is enough staff to operate the pool. All of the admissions and concessions staff are returning. Patterson Pools will be here tomorrow to start the process of installing the new boiler that heats the water in the pool. It will be an involved process to get the old boiler out and put the new one in.

The Director recommended requesting \$12,750 from the United Way of Miami County for the 2024 Troy Playground Program based on where the program was this year plus the increased hourly wages for 2023 and taking the increase into account for 2024. This would be for three site locations (Heywood Elementary School, Cookson Elementary School and Kings Chapel

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Community Park). It was moved by Mr. Hobart and seconded by Mr. Herman to request \$12,750 from the United Way of Miami County for the 2024 Troy Playground Program. Motion carried.

The Director received a refund request for a girls' softball. It does not meet the refund policy set by the board. The board took no action to approve the refund.

Being no further business, it was moved by Mrs. White and seconded by Mrs. Reed to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Ashley Reed
Secretary