

MINUTES

Troy Recreation Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 19, 2023
4:00 p.m.
Hobart Arena

Members Present: Marty Hobart, President; Tom Dunn, Vice President; Ashley Reed, Secretary; and Eric Herman

Members Absent: Autumn White.

Others Present: Kenneth Siler, Director of Recreation; Carrie Slater, Assistant Director of Recreation and Alli Schiffer, Arena Office Manager.

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

The minutes of the March 15, 2023 Recreation Board meeting were read. It was moved by Mr. Dunn and seconded by Mr. Herman to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried.

The Director informed the board that summer program registrations began on Monday, April 3rd.

The Director, Assistant Director and Program Coordinator went to a United Way of Miami County review for the Troy Playground Program yesterday afternoon. The Director anticipates that we should receive the requested funding. It was a positive meeting. He is asking for less money than the previous year.

A couple of the programs that are ran through the Police Department for the summer are not going to be offered. They have had a significant number of retirements. As a result, they are having a challenge covering the streets. The school resource officers who typically run the programs are going to be out on the street this summer. The only program they are offering is Safe-T-Town. They will not be offering Be A Better Biker Camp or Crime Scene Camp. In the last 4 to 5 years the Recreation Department has worked with Tumble U for the gymnastics program. They have had some challenges with staffing so they will not be able to assist the Recreation Department with that program this year. There is a problem finding someone for the Cheerleading program as well. The Director is hopeful that the department will find someone for that program.

The Director informed the board that Float Troy reservations continue to go well. There was a River Summit last Friday in Sidney where all of the cities that are along the greater Miami river corridor come together to promote activities on the river. The City of Troy is involved in it as well. Matt Clifton of the Parks Department and Stan Kegley were there promoting the Float Troy program. There are 117 tents reserved for the summer of 2023. Nine tents per night will be offered.

The 2023-2024 Youth Hockey registrations began on April 11th. There are 58 registrations to date. We are significantly ahead of where they were last year at this time. The Director anticipates numbers may be down slightly. The Summer Adult Hockey league, which will start the first week of June has 38 people currently registered.

Winterguard International is currently in the arena with their flag corp groups. Tomorrow will be an event day for percussion from 7:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The top teams from this Thursday event will qualify to move on to UD Arena. There will be a concert next Thursday and Irish Dance on Saturday. The month of May is filled with events including six graduation ceremonies.

The Director is working on contracts for summer ice. Summer ice begins June 5th and will end the last week in July. The hope is the first week of August when the ice is still on, the new ice decking will be installed and cut and ready to go for fall events. The Service and Safety Director's office has been working with them to get the contract finalized.

The Director informed the board that maintenance staff has been working on maintenance projects. They are currently working with the ammonia contractor with some issues on the condenser.

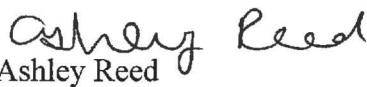
The Assistant Director informed the board that tomorrow is the last day for the April lifeguard training classes. There were 11 individuals in the class. She is hoping 6 of the 11 will pass that will be hired at the Troy Aquatic Park. That will give us a total of 24 lifeguards. The goal every summer is between 25 and 30. Most of them are Seniors and going to be Freshman in college. The new boiler is in and waiting on contractors to come back and attach the gas lines and do modifications to the water line. She plans to start filling the pool on May 1st. Registrations for swim team are doing very well. There is 55 registered so far. There were 84 registrations last year. There is a new head coach this year. She was the assistant coach for the last few years. Memberships are selling well. The discount for memberships will end at the end of April.

The board reviewed Party Room rental rates. The original policy was developed in 2017. Alli Schiffer has been handling the Party Room rentals. She informed the board that this year there were 8 party room rentals during the public skating season which was the most we have had. There are usually 4 or 5 during the skating season. There have been a few challenges. The previous contract stated that the arena would provide food for the party but there was no other information on menu pricing or how it would be facilitated and patrons had questions in regards to that. The agreement also offered cake and ice cream for every party if the patron chose. Because of food allergies she would like to have that removed and put the cake and ice cream on the renters. One of the main challenges she found in talking with groups interested in renting was that the previous agreement included admissions for 15 children and skate rentals for each rental. People had questions of whether or not it included adults because a lot of times they

weren't inviting 15 kids to come to a party. Another question was what do they do if the kids they are inviting already had skates and didn't need to rent skates. The final challenge was a few of the groups that would rent the ice privately and weren't part of a public skating session but wanted to rent the party room as well. Previously there was no contract for those types of rentals. There was only a contract for rental during public skating sessions. Two separate agreements have been created. One for public skating sessions and one for private skate sessions. The changes made for public skating sessions was the rental was reduced. It was originally \$200 and was reduced by \$50 to \$150. Admissions was removed as part of the inclusion of the rent. The patron renting the Party Room will have the option of paying for the admissions and the rentals at a group rate during the session or they can have the children or the parent of the guests pay for the kid's rental and admission into the facility. The cancellation policy was updated previously. It stated to receive a full refund you must cancel 10 days prior and there was a stipulation about receiving a partial refund for cancelling 3 days prior to the event. The cancellation policy will be moved up to 14 days in order to receive the deposit back. If they cancel in less than 14 days the deposit will be kept. Information was added about purchasing whole pizzas and pitchers of pop. Checks were previously accepted for Party Room rentals. It will be changed to cash and credit only for Party Room Rental. Private Room rental will be \$50. The ice rental rate is included on the contract as well. It is \$215 per hour thru August 2023. Skate rental for a private group is \$1.00 per person. There is no admission cost. If it's a group of 75 or more the concession stand can be opened. For both bookings, half of the rental deposit is requested at the time of booking and the balance due the Friday before the event or 72 hours before the event. It was moved by Mr. Dunn and seconded by Mrs. Reed to approved the revised Party Room rental rates. Motion carried. _____

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

Respectfully submitted,


Ashley Reed
Secretary