

MINUTES

Troy Recreation Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 21, 2023
4:00 p.m.
Hobart Arena

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

Others Present: Kenneth Siler, Director of Recreation.

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

The minutes of the May 17, 2023 Recreation Board meeting were read. It was moved by Mr. Dunn and seconded by Mr. Herman to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.

The Director informed the board that there are 94 participants registered for the upcoming youth hockey season. There is a waiting list for the High School division with the hope of getting enough kids to offer a JV and Varsity team at that age division. An email was sent out to 8 unregistered participants yesterday to get a status on whether or not they intend to play. The U14 division, which is the group below the High School, is likely only going to have one team. The U12 division is full. The U10 division has a waitlist. It is the same scenario as the High School division. They are in a limbo number. We don't know if we will get enough kids for two teams. Last year at this time there were 116 participants registered, which is the equivalent of being down two teams. The Adult Summer hockey league is in full swing. They play on Tuesday nights. It has reached full capacity and is going very well.

Float Troy reservations start this coming weekend. Friday night is the first night. There is a significant number of reservations. There have been 40-50 reservations made since the last board meeting.

The Troy Playground Program received information back from the United Way of Miami County that the program received \$13,000. The request was reduced this year based on expenses from last year. The program received \$250 more than requested. The program is in its third week. The program has struggled this year getting enough staff to cover the program. Nevin, the Program Coordinator along with Donna have been more proactive spending more time at each site than they typically would. Between the three sites they have been averaging between 20-25 kids a day. They have done a pool day, a magician and ice skating. This Friday is field day at the park. They will be doing a field trip to the fire station, bowling alley and another pool day. The Musical Theater program started yesterday. The tennis program is in its second week. The baseball clinic ends this Friday. There may be one make up date. Swim lessons are in full swing. Swim Team has had a couple of swim meets.

The Director also informed the board that the arena is in the midst of doing some ice for a few weeks. All the graduation ceremonies were held. The ice is back down. There was a dance recital in the arena two weeks ago. Staff is focusing on ice for the rest of summer through the

end of July. August 3rd and 4th the ice deck will be here for the initial installation. The company has been scheduled to come in and help with the installation. Those will be the last two days of ice and then the compressors will be shut down so maintenance projects can be done. The partitions in the front restrooms will be replaced. A lot of the kick plates on the hockey dasher boards will be replaced in August. That takes a significant amount of time. Staff is also struggling with the condenser, which is a part of the refrigeration system. It is in really bad shape. It was replaced during the renovation. They aren't sure what is going on with it. The water may be a problem with it. There is another well that they are going to try to get usable. The Director doesn't think it has ever been run since he has been here. It is likely that it will have to be budgeted in 2024 or 2025 to have the condenser replaced. The condenser that was replaced in 2017 was original and it was 67 years old and the condenser that we have now is 6 years old. The Director asked the refrigeration company how long they are expected to last and was told about 10 years. The refrigeration company is getting the Director an estimate to replace the condenser and ideas on replacement options.

The Director informed the board that the arena had a busy spring. Staff is going to use August to get maintenance projects accomplished before full ice season again.

There has been a significant jump in season pass sales since the last meeting. The board reviewed a daily attendance report. It was the best start for a season since the pool opened 18 years ago. Staff is doing a great job. There haven't been too many issues. Swim lessons are in full swing in the mornings. Swim team has been practicing in the mornings and evenings. They have had two meets so far. There is one this Saturday. Championships are on July 15th. For about 15 days staff couldn't keep up in the concession stand. The food turnover was significant. A record was set two days in a row. On June 1st and 2nd were the highest revenue days the pool has had in the concession stand.

The board reviewed 2023-24 ice rental rates for the upcoming fall season. They go into effect September 1st. The Director would like to increase the hourly ice rental rates by \$5.00 per hour. Our rates are extremely low compared to other venues. It was moved by Mr. Hobart and seconded by Mrs. Reed to approve the proposed 2023-24 ice rental rates. Motion carried.

The Director is working on submitting offers for the upcoming fall/winter/1st quarter of 2024. He is continuing to work with Variety Attractions to get some things nailed down. It has become more and more of a challenge. He's going to continue submitting offers. The more he submits the greater chance of getting some of the offers accepted. Variety Attractions recommend the Director try to submit an offer for Styx, which is a late 70s to early 90s rock band. They were in the arena about 11-12 years ago. The going rate for them is about \$100,000, which is beyond the value of an offer that the Director can submit without board approval. The Director would like to submit an offer for them. It was moved by Mrs. Reed and seconded by Mr. Dunn to submit an offer for Styx in the amount of \$100,000. Motion carried.

This weekend is the first Treasure Island concert for the summer on Saturday evening. It is a Lynyrd Skynyrd Tribute act. An Eblast will go out tomorrow. The next event is on July 4th. This is the first year where it will fall within the Dora.

The Director is looking into dates to bring AEW Wrestling back. The Director received an email about bringing it back in the first quarter of 2024. It was a great event.

The Director received a call from a gentleman that started Rough and Rowdy in 1997, a Tuff Man type of contest event. In 2013, Bar Stool Sports bought his promotion and renamed it Bar Stool Brawl. He would like to try to do a potential event in 2024.

The Director informed the board that at the last Park Board meeting they reorganized and in the next month or so Al Kappers will be leaving. Susan Westfall will be on Council so by the end of the year there will be two new Park Board members. The Mayor has been working on a new Recreation Board member.

The job posting for Assistant Food & Beverage Manager position was posted today at Miami Shores.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ashley Reed", written in a cursive style.

Ashley Reed
Secretary