

MINUTES

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

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

Members Absent: Tom Dunn, Vice President.

Others Present: Kenneth Siler, Director of Recreation; Mayor Robin Oda and Lindsay Fisher.

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

Mr. Hobart introduced Lindsay Fisher to the Recreation Board.

The minutes of the June 21, 2023 Recreation Board meeting were read. It was moved by Mr. Herman and seconded by Mrs. Reed to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.

The Director informed the board that the majority of the summer programs are winding down at this point. It was a really good summer with the youth and adult programs. This week the playground and theater programs will end. Baseball clinic is over. Tennis is starting session two today. It will run for the next 5 consecutive Wednesdays. Goat Yoga is coming up. There are 3 sessions scheduled this summer. The department started that program last summer. An Eblast was sent out today to the data base so hopefully registrations will pick up. This week the last sessions of swim lessons began. The swim team championships were held this past weekend. It is now over. The Kids Triathlon was also held this past Sunday morning at the Troy Aquatic Park.

Youth hockey registrations are going well. There are 112 participants. Registrations are down slightly from where we were last year at this time. Some kids in two of the age groups have decided that they are done with hockey or moved to another program. There are a couple programs in Dayton that some of the kids have gone to. The program may be down a team or two this year. Numbers are looking good. The Director is preparing to order jerseys. The start of the season is targeted to begin the week of September 11th.

The board reviewed a list of Float Troy registrations to get an idea of where all of the participants are coming from. The majority of the people are not from Miami County. People are coming from all over the state as well as other states. There were some high winds that came through on July 2nd and damaged several of the tents. The Assistant Director is working with MVRMA to get insurance coverage for the tents that were damaged. Replacements tents were ordered and we hope they are back to fulfill all of the reservation obligations which will start on August 4th.

Two of the Treasure Island concerts have been held to date. One was held late June and the other on July 4th. There was really good attendance for both events. The final concert is scheduled for Saturday, August 5th. It will be Stranger, which is an 80's cover band. They have been here before and they tend to draw really well and have a great local following. There should be a good crowd.

The Director also informed the board that staff is working on preparing for the SAY Soccer season. It is one of the department's larger programs. Alli is working hand in hand with Nevin to get that in place and working on finalizing rosters today and tomorrow. There is a scheduling meeting tomorrow night. Practices will start some time next week.

There is one event scheduled for December 8th. Another show was announced yesterday, which is Alice Cooper on October 10th. The Director is excited about that event. He believes it will sell really well. The fan club pre-sale started this morning and about 100 tickets were sold so far. The venue pre-sale will start tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m. and public sale will start on Friday morning. The Director anticipates the show will sell out. He is still working on some random items for the rest of the calendar year hoping for one or two more shows.

The Director informed the board that we are close to hitting the annual goal of 500 season passes for the Troy Aquatic Park. To date, we are at 497. Things are going well and staff has done a great job. There has been a reduced rate of problems this year. There has been a better ratio of adults to kids that have been coming during the week. Carrie has done a great job as always with the pool this summer. Going into the summer there were a few kids that needed to be replaced to get to the number of guards we needed to make sure we could operate and cover the facility. The Troy Aquatic Park has not been impacted with starting except for the first couple weekends with Memorial Day and graduation weekend and the Strawberry Festival. Those are the two most challenging weekends.

The Director is working on scheduling interviews for next week for the Facility Operator position at the arena. Before next month's meeting, the Director is also looking at transitioning and appointing Dan Myers to the Food and Beverage Manager position and hopefully get a couple of good candidates through the next round of interviews for Facility Operator.

The Director informed the board that he is working on the budgets for 2024. They are due September 1st.

Staffing is working on some of the maintenance projects in July and August to be prepared for some events in the Bravo Room in August and work will be done in the main arena once the ice is off on August 5th. August 3rd the company will be coming in to do the initial installation of the ice deck cover. It was delivered last week. Some temps have been scheduled to come in and help the full-time staff with the installation. It will be about an 8-hour project. It could roll into the next day for about an hour or two. Hopefully it will be done that day so that the new ice deck cover will be ready to go for the first non-ice event towards the end of September which is a trade show. Staff is doing some Zamboni and forklift maintenance. They are having some

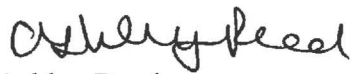
issues with both. Some condenser and compressor maintenance on the refrigeration system will need to be done for the fall and winter season in August when the system is down.

The board would like to request authorization from Council to sell the used Homasote Ice Deck cover and plastic chairs. A request for authorization from Council has to be made for items with a value in excess of \$1,000. The Homasote is 12 years old. It was purchased for around \$60,000. It is in bad condition. It was moved by Mr. Hobart and seconded by Mr. Herman to request authorization from Council to sell the used Homasote Ice Deck cover and plastic chairs. Motion carried.

The Director is continuing to work with Variety Attractions to attempt to secure some events for the arena for 2024. He would like to continue to proceed with submitting more offers to increase the likelihood of securing a couple of events for 2024. Variety Attractions suggested Billy Currington who has been in the arena in the past and sold very well. His going rate is currently at \$100,000. The other one that the Director submitted offers before and has not been able to secure in the past is Joan Jett who is a late 70's to early 90's rock. She has been on tour for the last couple of summers. A couple other events are Jason Bonham/Led Zeppelin Experience, which is a Led Zeppelin Tribute Band. It is likely up to \$75,000. Another one is Bush. A band from the 90's. Bush is between \$100,000 to \$150,000. The Director would like to submit an offer at \$100,000 at the most. Variety Attractions thinks those are a good fit for the arena. It was moved by Mr. Hobart and seconded by Mrs. Reed to submit offers for \$100,00 for Billy Currington, up to \$75,000 for Jason Bonham/Led Zeppelin Experience, \$100,000 for Joan Jett and \$100,000 for Bush. 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