

MINUTES

Troy Recreation Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 18, 2024
4:00 p.m.
Hobart Arena

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

Members Absent: Lindsay Fisher.

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 October 23, 2024 Troy Recreation Board meeting were read. It was moved by Mr. Dunn and seconded by Mr. Herman that the minutes be approved as read. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the 2025 Activity Pass Issue list. It was moved by Mr. Hobart and seconded by Mrs. Reed to approved the 2025 Activity Pass Issue list. Motion carried.

The Director informed the board that the arena is in full swing with ice for about another month. There are extra public skating sessions scheduled over the holiday break for families to attend. They will start next Monday afternoon. The department is currently taking registrations for the next session of adult hockey, which will begin on Tuesday, January 7th. Registrations are about 6 or 7 away from filling the session.

This past week there was two concerts held last Thursday and Friday. Both sold well. The Gaithers, which was a Christmas show and was previously held in the arena about 3 years ago was a bit of challenge getting people in. There was a snow storm about half hour before the doors opened which made it more challenging but it sold very well. The next night Home Free, which was a Christmas show as well, was in the arena. They have been in the arena 4 or 5 times. Tickets sold very well for it also. Approximately 1,700 tickets were sold. This coming weekend the Troy High School hockey invitational will be in the arena, which pretty much takes up all of the ice on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Three events have been announced since the last meeting. They will take place in January. The shows are Richard Goodall, a janitor at a High School in Indiana who was the most recent winner of America's Got Talent, Lance Burton, a magician on January 23rd who was a resident in Las Vegas for about 20 years. He has since retired and is doing a touring show and Bryan Martin, an up and coming country artist will perform on January 24th. Two of the three shows will be half house. The Director is working on getting everything finalized on contracts with all of the other annual reoccurring events that start the first weekend in February (Cheer Competition, Home Show, State Wrestling Tournament, State Lego Championships, etc.).

The Director has been working with the new refrigeration contractor. The new piece of equipment (condenser) came in about a week and half or two weeks later than anticipated. At this point, the Director and the contractors decided to try to make it through the season and have the contractors come in when the ice comes off at the end of March and change the equipment out so we are ready for startup of the ice at the end of May for the summer ice season.

The Director informed the board that they are still working on getting the dehumidifiers resolved. The contractors were here earlier today replacing a few parts on one of the units and they also had a balancing company here as well to balance the new blower motor that was installed on the other one. The Director is hoping these two items will help resolve the humidity issues the arena has experienced when conditions have been humid outside. The Director approved a payment to the local contractor, Sidney Electric but retained 10% of their money so the arena has leverage for them to continue to come back to make things right if the units continue to be a challenge.

The Director met with contractors regarding the ongoing lighting issue above the arena floor. He met with them again about 3 weeks ago. They have agreed to provide the arena with 5 free fixtures to help cover the next several that may go out. They are warranting the lights until 10 years, which gives the arena about another 2 years, so if the arena continues to have failures they will continue to have replacements. The Director is hoping they will help the arena with getting some refunds back on some of the other fixtures that were already replaced. The Director is waiting to hear back from them.

Troy Aquatic Park season passes went on sale December 1st. Sales are about where they generally are at this point. About 100 are sold by the end of the calendar year. The pool is winterized. The Assistant Director informed the board that the YMCA has changed a few things. They are lowering the hiring age from 16 to 15. The 1st training is January 3rd at the YMCA for existing lifeguards.

The Director informed the board that the existing non-alcoholic Beverage Service Agreement with Pepsi is scheduled to end on April 30, 2025 and per the agreement, would like to extend it to April 30, 2026. It was moved by Mrs. Reed and seconded by Mr. Herman to consider extending the existing non-alcoholic Beverage Service Agreement with Pepsi for an additional year currently scheduled to end April 30, 2025 and extend to April 30, 2026, pending Park Board approval. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Hobart and seconded by Mr. Dunn that the board go into executive session to consider the appointment and compensation of public employees. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Herman and seconded by Mrs. Reed that the board come out of executive session. Motion carried.

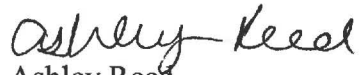
It was moved by Mr. Herman and seconded by Mr. Dunn to approve employee annual reviews. Motion carried.

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It was moved by Mr. Hobart and seconded by Mr. Herman to appoint Michael Hall to the position of Lead Facility Operator with an hourly wage of \$29.92 effective Wednesday, January 1, 2025. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Ashley Reed
Secretary