

MINUTES

Troy Recreation Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 18, 2025
4:00 p.m.
Hobart Arena

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

Members Absent: Tom Dunn, Vice President.

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 21, 2025 Recreation Board meeting were read. It was moved by Mr. Herman and seconded by Mrs. Fisher that the minutes be approved as read. Motion carried.

The Director informed the board that Float Troy reservations continue to come in. Reservations are down from this time last year. The season will be short because pieces of the dam will be taken out, which will impact water levels.

Youth hockey registrations continue to go well. There are currently 70 participants registered, which is where they were last year. The Director anticipates the same number of participants in total when the season starts in mid-September. There will be one more team than last year. There will be two 14U teams. Last year there was only one. The Introduction to Hockey program that is going on this summer has 23 kids registered. There are generally 6 or 8 kids registered. The Hockey Parents Boosters have helped with promoting it and the department did more promoting on our Facebook page. The program is a chance for kids to try the sport of hockey for a few nights without having to buy equipment or commit to a significant amount of playing to see if the program is for them or not.

Staff is preparing for the first concert of the summer this weekend at Treasure Island Park. The band is called Thunderbeard - a Tribute to ZZ Top. Staff is working to get things finalized on the production side, staffing, police, fire, security and with staff to operate the beer stand. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. There are two other shows. The show on July 4th is handled by City Hall staff and the arena handles the show on August 2nd.

The Director informed the board that the MMA Fights were held this past Saturday evening. There was slightly less in attendance than last year. There were between 1,000 and 1,100 in attendance. It was a good production. The Director heard comments on how affordable concession prices are. The Director thought it was a good event overall. Staff is preparing for the Troy Skating Club Summer Competition. It will be held at the end of June this year. In the past it has been held in July. Due to changes in US Figure Skating's competition scheduling, it has been moved up. The Loverboy concert has been confirmed. There are currently 5 shows scheduled at the arena this fall. There are still 3 shows out there pending. The Director is hoping to get 1 or 2 of the three confirmed.

Start-up for the ice this summer went very well. The condenser was replaced in the spring when the ice was down. The system did a great job of cooling the floor and not putting stress on the compressors.

The Director informed the board that the Visitor's Bureau has a program that they subscribed to in the last couple of years, and they randomly share information with the Director. The program showed when WGI was in Troy and used Hobart Arena for practices and for an event day. It shows how many visitors come through the building, where they are from, how long they are here and where they went before they got here and after they left the venue. From April 3rd to April 14th, there were 7,100 visitors through the building in that 10-day time frame. They spent an average of 123 minutes in the building and some of the top places people came from were Troy, Massachusetts, Minnesota, California, Michigan, Utah, Louisiana, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The average distance to get to the venue was 250+ miles.

The Troy Aquatic has been significantly impacted by the weather. Admission revenue is down about 30% from where it was this time last year. Staff is concerned that this coming Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday will be slammed because people have not been able to come to the pool. They may have to turn some people away. The first swim meet was held this past weekend. There will be another one on Thursday evening this week. Swim team is going well. There is a large number registered. There are 12 or 14 on the waiting list that couldn't be accommodated.

The Assistant Director received a request for a refund for a pool membership. The Director and Assistant Director are recommending a pro-rated refund based on the situation. The board agreed to provide a pro-rated refund for the pool membership. It was moved by Mr. Hobart and seconded by Mrs. Reed to grant a pro-rated refund for the pool membership. Motion carried.

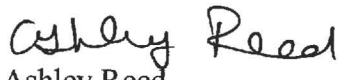
The Director informed the board that he received the letter back from the United Way of Miami County related to their current campaign. They are being significantly impacted by lack of donations. They allocated \$7,800 for the 2026 Troy Playground Program. In the past, they have allocated \$13,000. It's a very significant reduction, which the program has never seen before. It's not just the Troy Playground Program, but all of the organizations they help support. The Director and Assistant Director are going to look at what the Troy Playground Program can look like next year with that significant of a reduction. It will impact what we will be able to do.

The board reviewed proposed 2025-26 ice rental rates for September 1, 2025 to September 1, 2026. Hourly rental rates are changed every year. The rates are very affordable ice rates. It was moved by Mrs. Reed and seconded by Mrs. Fisher to approve the proposed 2025-26 ice rental rates. Motion carried.

The Director is requesting that the board request authorization from Troy City Council to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with MSA Architects for Architectural and Engineering Services for the Troy Aquatic Park Renovation Improvements/Maintenance Project in an amount not to exceed \$220,000. Three different firms were interviewed. MSA Architects was the firm that they were most comfortable with. They provided a proposal. The Director is hoping to go out to bid for the project in early 2026 with the plan to have all the work done immediately following the end of the 2026 season and be ready for the start of the 2027 season. This doesn't include any significant expansions. It is more about repairing and maintenance of the systems of the facility that is now 20 years old. It was moved by Mr. Hobart and seconded by Mr. Herman to request authorization from Troy City Council to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with MSA Architects for Architectural and Engineering Services for the Troy Aquatic Park Renovation Improvements/Maintenance Project in an amount not to exceed \$220,000. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Ashley Reed
Secretary