



**Recreation & Arena Advisory Commission Meeting  
November 14, 2022  
Arena Conference Room**



**Attendance:** Lauren Krans; Steve Trepanier, Dave Camire, Joan Strogon; Dana Berlin, Sheila Colson; Dick Clough; Kevin Barry; Paul Roberts, Dale Bickford; Lexi VanBinsbergen; Craig Brady, DJ Poulin, Rhi Jeffrey

**1. Accept September Minutes**

**Dale Bickford motioned to accept. Unanimous support**

**2. Accept October Minutes**

**Joan Strogon motioned to accept. Unanimous support**

**3. Review Revenue & Expense Reports**

**Dale Bickford motioned to accept. Unanimous support**

**4. DJ Poulin & Rhi Jeffrey – The Value of Aquatics in Rochester**

**Presentation – Aquatics in Rochester.** Dj and Rhi are Rochester residents and owners of Atlantis Aquatics. The two shared a power point presentation about the potential benefits of an indoor aquatics facility in Rochester. Presenters provided information on the health, recreation and economic benefits of an indoor pool or “bubbling” a current pool to make it available throughout the year. Presenters explained there is currently a large demand for indoor pool time for local high school teams Discussion about what programs can be introduced/enhanced with our current pools. Presenters suggested creating a local coalition to reinvigorate aquatics in the Seacoast. Director Krans proposed that the department explore tweaking current programs/adding some new to create a buzz with aquatics in Rochester and to weave the discussion of enhanced aquatics facilities into the master plan conversation.

**5. Hanson Pines Update**

**Director Krans indicated the bid for Hanson Pines basketball court lighting has gone back out to bid. Hanson Pines playground has been fenced in and has been well received. Still exploring opportunity to create a seating area for teens behind the pool area-this is on hold due to potential changes in the original CDBG application pertaining to Pickleball courts. Riverwalk Committee will be repairing park benches on the outside loop of the park, benches within the loop will not be repaired to help deter use of small ‘off shoot paths’ per the Forest Management Plan. Facility/Ops Supervisor Trepanier has been the liaison between the department and the Riverwalk committee.**



#### **6. Pickleball – Indoor/Outdoor Court Update**

**Assistant Director Trepanier – When the gym was recently refinished, we added an additional three courts for pickleball in the gym on Court 3.**

#### **7. Other**

**Squamanagonic gate has been installed, however, the wrong gate controller was sent, old gate is currently being used and new controller has been delivered. Squamanagonic is closed for the month of November for law enforcement training. Director Krans will be going to the City Council meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and would encourage support for the additional funds requested for the Lilac Family Fun Fest.**

**Next Meeting: December 12, 2022 at 6:00pm Conference Room 1**