

Rochester Recreation & Arena Advisory Commission

October 21, 2019 6pm Rochester Arena Conference Room

Present: Chris Bowlen, Bob Brown, Dave Colson, Kevin Barry, Greg Lacasse, Mark Lacasse, Paul Roberts, Lauren Krans, Dave Anctil, Dale Bickford, Dick Clough

HP Trustees were unable to make this meeting. Director Bowlen will be attending Trustees of the Trust Fund meeting in November.

1. Reflection & Memories of Julie Brown
2. Community Center Gym Request
 - Request to commemorate a longtime athletic coach.
 - Commission supportive of this request moving forward to the next appropriate level. Requested that a draft design is provided going forward.
3. Accept September Minutes
 - Dale Bickford motion to accept September minutes, Dave Colson second.
4. Review Revenue and Expense Reports
 - Dale Bickford motion to accept. Kevin Barry second.
5. Skate Park Exploration Follow Up
 - A year ago the Commission received a letter from a teenage community member requesting the city building an outdoor skate park. It was decided that the idea would be revisited this October.
 - Per guidance from Primex, Recreation Department would only want to install a permanent, cement park, not a freestanding wood structure.
 - The commission supported continuing this exploration by having the Rec Supervisor receive estimates on a new skate park for the November or December meeting.
6. Camp Scholarships & Department Donations
 - The Recreation Department now has a donation fund specifically to go to Camp Scholarships.
 - Commission supported that the department continue status quo with their camp scholarship application process, applying the donation fund amount to the remaining balance of the scholarships tuition as far as it can go.
7. Rochester Common Playground Upgrade
 - The Commission reviewed the Recreation Department's top two choices O'Brien & Sons and Ultiplay
 - Commission also supported the Recreation Department's list of suggested components and components they would like to avoid with the playground designs:
 - Suggestions for designs: At least one elevated wheel chair accessible component, Multigenerational swing, Spread out play layout, Shade component at the Common
 - Suggestions of components to avoid: Gimmicky theme

Next Meeting: November 18th