



**Recreation & Arena Advisory Commission Meeting  
October 18, 2021 6:00pm  
Rochester Arena Upstairs Program Room**



**Attendance: Kevin Barry, Dale Bickford, Chris Bowlen, Dave Camire, Dick Clough, Dave Colson; Lauren Krans, Paul Roberts and Joan Strogon**

**1. Accept September Minutes**

**Dave Colson motioned to accept, Dave Camire seconded**

**2. Review Revenue & Expense Reports**

**Dale Bickford questioned the impact of the ARPA grant. Chris Bowlen reviewed the ARPA funds approval for the Arena.**

**Dale Bickford motioned to accept, Joan Strogon seconded**

**3. ARPA Funding for Recreation**

**Lauren Krans reviewed that Recreation and Finance are considering ARPA funds for a City supported childcare co-op. Program will be open to staff and public. Still in beginning stages of exploration. Concept will go to full City Council for discussion. Similar to summer camp, Municipalities do not need to be license childcare providers.**

**4. Recreation Program Rate Review**

**Lauren discussed a review of fees every year and having a philosophy behind establishing rates. Rates related to FOG and Commission supported keeping at \$5.00 per family. Rates from surrounding communities will be reviewed for annual comparisons. Conversation will resume later in the fiscal year to establish rates for next fiscal year. Continue to use fee structure for the remainder of this year as presented including summer camp. Summer Camp tuition and Camp Aid family contributions will increase this year as part of a strategic plan approved last year. We will continue to explore senior membership program and Resident/Non-Resident fee structures.**

**Dave Camire motioned to accept proposed fee schedule for 21/22 (excluding senior programs); Dale Bickford seconded.**

**5. Squamanagonic Update**

**Safety Committee will review at meeting on 10/20/21 at 6pm at Council chambers**



#### **6. Kayak Launch Update**

Kayak Launch discussion and Ryan's participation in the Riverwalk Committee. Dates to go in and out will be established so they are the same every year.

#### **7. Senior Center**

Review of Recreation Dept taking over this space. Working out the formalities. Questions over whether or not they will be dissolving their status as a non-profit. If they have funds, they may donate to the Recreation Dept to enhance programming.

#### **8. Arena Facility Update**

System failure with the cooling tower, a component covered by Honeywell failed and Arena was closed. Once back online we had a leak in the floor just inside the boards. Had to close for another two weeks. To fix the ice needed to be removed and got contractor in ASAP. RYH was able to utilize the Recreation gym for dry land training and other arenas for ice. Kudos to Chris and team for the quick turnaround.

#### **9. Department Operations Update**

COVID employee policy update. Public skating by reservation only for 60 people and looking to do another outdoor rink this year.

#### **10. Other**

Youth basketball programs will need to use school gym as we traditionally have done. If the school department cannot grant us use of their space for our basketball program, we will need to decrease the use of SHS basketball program in Community Center gym to accommodate our program. If anyone is interested in volunteering on Fri 10/29 for "Little's Halloween" at Arena parking lot from 9:00-11:00am.

**Next Meeting:**

**November 8, 2021 at 6:00pm**