

**Rochester Recreation & Arena Advisory Board**

**Meeting Minutes 9/10/2018**

Called to order 6:07pm.

**Attendance:** Chris Bowlen, Lauren Krans, Kevin Barry, Dale Bickford, Julie Brown, Joan Strogon, Sheila Colson, Paul Roberts, Bob Brown, Steve Trepanier, Dick Clough

April Minutes were reviewed and accepted. Motion to accept by B. Brown, second by J. Strogon.

Revenue and Expense Reports reviewed. No questions.

**Update on Community Center Space & Gym User Groups**

Board briefed on pilot position of Community Center Ambassador. Rec staff member Bob Plaisted has been staffing the satellite office from 8am-2pm M-F. He is documenting interactions with public to demonstrate the need for a hallway presence by city staff. Board was pleased to hear this position was being utilized.

Staff updated board that the Bud Carlson Academy's request for gym time this school year was denied due to behavior issues last year. Board supported this decision and recommended that Assistant Director Krans notify superintendent directly with this decision.

Staff proposed a request from a community member to bring back 18+ Open Gym. Board supported Recreation Staff's decision not to bring this program back. Currently 18 year olds can take part in Sunday morning drop in basketball.

**Constituent Request for Skate Park**

Staff received a request from a youth asking to build a skate park. Staff briefed board on the history of the skate park once at Hanson Pines Park. Primex told staff to take the wood structure down due to serious safety concerns. A successful skate park would need to be concrete-which would be very expensive. Staff can continue to explore how other communities have funded such projects.

Arena Supervisor briefed the board on idea to purchase sports turf to use inside of the Arena during non ice months. There is high demand in the area for indoor sports space. Board recommended Arena Supervisor continue research of this topic.

**Event Request at Rochester Arena-Nerdfest**

Arena Supervisor received a request to host a large event, Nerdfest, at the Arena during Free Comic Book Day. The board wants to make sure that FCD organizers support this event and that it would not hinder FCD. Arena Supervisor will contact Free Comic Book Day organizers and if they receive the idea positively, Nerdfest organizer will be invited to next meeting to discuss event further.