



Rochester Recreation & Arena Advisory Commission Meeting Agenda
Monday, September 14, 2020 | 6pm via Microsoft Teams



1) Attendance/Roll Call

Sheila Colson, Dave Colson, Bob Brown, Dale Bickford, David Camire, Kevin Berry, Paul Roberts, Art Jacobs, Steve Trepanier, Chris Bowlen, Lauren Krans

All commission members alone in their rooms.

2) Public Input

No Public Input.

3) Accept March Minutes

Sheila Colson motion to accept March 2020 meetings. Bob Brown second motion.

Director Bowlen introduced new school board liaison, David Camire. Director Bowlen notified the commission that we have another new member, Trevon Scott.

Director Bowlen asked that the group take a moment of silence to remember Dave Ancil, dedicated volunteer and commission member for 30 years.

4) Review Revenue & Expense Reports

Director Bowlen explained that the revenues for summer programs were significantly low due to COVID19. Some of these shortfalls were anticipated and reflected in projected FY21 revenues when the new budget was created this past spring.

5) Summer Program Review

Assistant Director Krans gave an overview of summer program stats. 3,600 participants took part in Family Swim, over 200 families took part in Rec En Route. The department intentionally took a "wait and see" approach at the beginning of the summer, which allowed for cautious planning to reflect the most recent health and safety guidelines at the start of the season.

Rec Supervisor Jacobs gave a summary of each summer program. Supported a local swim team via a private swim rental of the Hanson Pines Pool prior to program hours. Reviewed the department's facility support of the Rochester Farmers Market during the summer.

Director Bowlen explained changes to the Concert on the Common layout, which included installing an electricity source at the end of the Common where the T-Ball field is. This allows events to take place down this end of the park.

Arena Supervisor Trepanier briefed the group on the department's partnership supporting the facility operations of the YMCA's summer programs at Camp Coney Pine.

6) Rochester Arena Re-Opening Plan

The Rochester Arena is scheduled to re-open to contracted ice user groups on September 28th. Director Bowlen summarized statewide conference call on the safe re-opening of hockey rinks. User groups have been given an updated facilities operations plan and list of health/safety policies and procedures. Director Bowlen



David Camire gave an overview of his experience visiting rinks around the state and their COVID-19 protocol.

Dale Bickford asked if the Rochester Arena COVID19 rules were prescribed by the state. Director Bowlen explained that the state set the minimum requirements and that Rochester has modified them based on input from other ice arenas and with the support and guidance of City EOC (Emergency Operations Center) leaders.

The state has mandated that only one parent/guardian is allowed in per skater.

Live Barn was installed at the Rochester Arena this summer to support remote spectatorship.

7) Recreation Space at RCC Re-Opening Plan & Fall Program Plan

Rec Supervisor Jacobs gave an overview of Rec Space Community Center re-opening plans. The department will prioritize supporting SHS, BCA, Head Start, and the YMCA Discovery Academy (taking place inside the Community Center) with use of the gym during inclement weather September 21-Nov 1. The public will continue to use Entrance A (Wakefield Street Entrance). Entrance B will remain closed to the public and open by appointment only for recreation staff and patrons. This plan will be re-evaluated for the next phase start on November 1.

Department programs will take place outside now until November 1st when next steps will be explored.

The commission supported moving the October meeting to the third Monday of the month, October 19th, to avoid Columbus Day.

Sheila Colson made a motion to adjourn at 7:00pm, Dale Bickford second.