

Skatium Ice Rink Advisory Board Minutes

Tuesday, June 16, 2015 – **PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE LOCATION OF THE JULY 21, 2015 MEETING AT THE END OF THESE NOTES!**

Attendees: Commissioner Chris Connell; Joe Noone, Barbara Latsios, Drew Simcox, Karen Samulenas, Adam Terranova; Charles McGarvey and Rick Turnbull.

Absence Excused: Larry Yates; Tamara Nedjar and Charles McGarvey.

1. Joe Noone started the meeting at 7:30 p.m.
2. The May 19, 2015 minutes were approved.
3. Public comments: There were no public comments.
4. Rick Turnbull reviewed the Skatium numbers to date. Since this is considered the off-season since most of the leagues are off now the numbers although steady are light. Rick said that sales have been active and with the planned events he anticipates a decent summer. The numbers are better than this same time last year.
5. The Skatium will be hosting a Father's Day skate on Sunday, June 21. All father's skate free they should be good this summer. They also expect an increase in figure skating numbers due to the Ardmore figure skaters coming to the Skatium in July through August.
6. Rick contacted the Haverford Middle School and High School music director's. They said that they really don't have any small "groups" of kids with bands, etc. that would be able to carry out the idea for Friday nights. A few names and suggestions were given to Rick to investigate further. There are several hockey camps that will be using the Skatium this summer. He is waiting to hear back from "Total Hockey" which was interested in utilizing the grounds as well as the Skatium for a two day camp from 8:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m. August 2 and 3rd. He is waiting for the final paperwork to be signed. Dave Dorman has signed for additional ice time and Shinny hockey has signed for Monday; Wednesday and Friday all summer. Overall all ice rentals are up this summer.
7. The construction continues on the front entrance and offices. The computers are in and they are waiting for the software to be loaded. The still need the carpenters and electricians to finish before the installation of the computers can happen.
8. Rick mentioned that the cooling tower will have to be repaired at a cost of around \$9,500.00 as well as the water holding tank that has to be replaced at a cost of \$14,000.00.
9. Chris brought up the parking situation during the construction at the police station. Parking is always a problem but will definitely be worse since a number of spaces will be unavailable. He mentioned that everyone will have to be understanding in the short term so that the work will be done. The police will have fifty (50) cars that will be on the lot and Skatium personnel and guests get what is remaining. The Township did make several metered spaces in front of the Café this past month.

New Business

1. Adam suggested that for the next meeting advisory board members think about the goals and recommendations we want to make to the Commissioners for the 2016 budget process. He suggested that one goal of the Skatium should be to bring in 150% revenue vs expenses and the possibility of setting up a “replacement” fund for more costly equipment that needs to be replaced. This is a good selling point especially for Haverford taxpayers who want less of a tax burden for recreational expenses. Adam will draft a letter and send it out for input. A discussion and finalization will take place at the next scheduled meeting.
2. **The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. It was decided that the next scheduled meeting will be at the Township building, located at 2325 W. Darby Road. (Eagle and Darby) This suggestions was made by Chris due to the lack of parking that Board members have experienced in the past several months.**

The next Meeting is scheduled for: July 21, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Building!!