

Skatium Ice Rink Advisory Board Minutes – October 20, 2015

The next Meeting is scheduled for: November 17, 2015 at the Skatium @ 7:30 p.m.

Attendees: Joe Noone, Barbara Latsios, Drew Simcox, Karen Samulenas, Adam Terranova, Charles McGarvey and Rick Turnball.

Absence Excused: Commissioner Chris Connell; Kevin Gavagan and Larry Yates.

Joe Noone started the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

1. The September 15, 2015 minutes were approved.
2. Public comments: There were no public comments.
3. Rick reviewed the Skatium numbers to date. The Skatium numbers are looking good for this season since they are already working in the black and the season has just begun. There has been an increase in morning and afternoon ice. They are looking to get more varsity games with some rivalry teams. Rivalry teams increase the gate and would benefit the bottom line as well as the businesses within the Skatium, Hav-A- Burger and the Skate Shop.
4. The ladies locker room is still in disrepair and Rick was told that there is no money to make any changes to the locker room until 2016 despite repeated efforts by the Advisory Board members to upgrade the room. The current carpet and taped area is a safety hazard to the girls and women who are forced to use the room. The flooring that was damaged due to the sewer leak almost a year ago should have been replaced already. Skatium staff plans to revisit improvements in 2016. This needs to be a high priority since the Skatium staff keeps ignoring the problem.
5. Joe Noone and Charles McGarvey asked why the TV monitor hasn't been moved already. They have received numerous complaints from the Hawks, Haverford Township teams and other users of the Skatium that the monitor is too high and in a poor location. This is the third time that this issue has been raised during an Advisory meeting and there has been no action on moving it. If people cannot read what's on the monitor what is purpose for it? Drew and Adam also mentioned that the quality of the messages need to be updated. As Drew mentioned there is outdated information and old team logos that need to be revised.
6. Adam provided Larry Gentile with Haunted House coupons to be used at the Skatium during theme nights in October. Adam and the Board were very disappointed that the coupons have not been given out as prizes. They are only good through October 31, 2015 and no attempt has been made to move forward with the ideas as presented and accepted by the Skatium staff. Adam provided ten more coupons at tonight's meeting and expects that the staff will give them out so that they can be utilized before they expire.
7. The Board is becoming increasing frustrated with the lack of commitment by the Skatium Director toward moving forward with Theme nights and entertainment to increase the sales at the public skating. The ideas presented did not involve a lot of money, most were encouraging people to dress up for Halloween and other ideas that just involve getting the

word out to encourage continued involvement of the Community young people and families. Charles McGarvey suggested that the Board meet with the Township Manager to discuss the lack of commitment.

8. Rick asked Joe when he thinks the lighting can be addressed. Joe has been set to do the lighting from this summer during the slow season. He will need at least a week to complete the work. Rick will get back to Joe as to when this project can be scheduled.
9. Barbara raised the issue of having the Board meeting at the Township building. There was limited parking tonight due to football activities in the field. The parking continues to be an issue at the Skatium.

New Business

1. Charles brought the issue of the speakers seemed to be fading in and out again. The supervisor's door is now locked and the only access to controls is very limited. Rick will look at the system to ensure that all controls are correctly set.
2. Rick brought up that the ambulance company will now be using the Skatium. The Board questioned how the decision was made and has questions regarding parking and use of the recreational building. Two sofas were delivered to the second floor. The Board wants to know why one of the local Fire Houses aren't being used for this purpose. That is a better fit than using the Skatium.
3. There are three vacancies on the Board. The renewals were mentioned so that those affected could let Larry Gentile know of their intentions. The Board members are becoming frustrated with the lack of communication and decision making between Skatium staff and the Board. Many items are hashed out over and over with little results.
4. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

The next Meeting is scheduled for: Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Skatium.