

Skatium Ice Rink Advisory Board Minutes – October 18, 2016

The next Meeting is scheduled for: November 15, 2016 @ 7:30 p.m. at the Library, 2nd Floor

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

Absence Excused: Commissioner Steve D’Emilio and Peter Dugery.

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

- 1 The September 20, 2016 minutes were approved.
- 2 Public comments: There were no public comments.
- 3 Joe discussed the three available spots on the Board that will need to be filled. It was also mentioned that Peter Dugery has not been attending on a regular basis and the Board needs people that can participate.
- 4 Rick Turnbull presented the numbers to the Board. The numbers are stable and to date the Skatium is operating in the black. Chas questioned why all the hockey programs are lumped together. He recommended that summer and winter hockey be separated. Discussion on the categories started with Adam explaining that the Board thought it best to have the categories grouped for the record. He did recommend that Rick develop a spreadsheet which will define what was in each category. Chas also recommended that Rick talk to Joe Moran about hockey clinics. The Board recommended that Rick have all information posted and available by November 30, 2016 for the Spring/Summer clinic because people need to know what is available as they start to plan for summer activities for their children. Drew also suggested that Rick add the Hawks specific information to the budget report.
- 5 Rick also mentioned that Hav-a-burger is newly renovated. The owners added some new tables and signage. They are open for business and looking forward to the new season.
- 6 The Pro Shop has a new two year lease according to Larry Gentile. They have added some new merchandise to their stock including new jackets.
- 7 The contractor has put the stones down in the front drive and sidewalk as they prepare for concrete and asphalt to take place. The asphalt work is scheduled to be done by October 24.
- 8 Board members including Rich, Adam, Drew and Joe discussed some areas of concern at the Skatium. On Saturday morning when one of the Board members came into the Skatium he noted that the toilets in the men’s rest room was dirty and the trash cans were filled. It was also noted that this should not be an issue when the building opens. The Board was told that trash cans are only emptied when the can is full so as not to waste trash bags. Board members do not agree with this.
- 9 Rich asked about the status of the work that is supposed to be done at the Skatium. It is important that this work is prioritized with the most critical work being done first to avoid any kind of mechanical breakdown. There were a series of associate things that would improve the public experience that need to be worked on. Toilet repairs, shower fixtures; lights. Critical issues include the cooling tower; electrical panel boards that can fail and the Zamboni door

repair. All of these things need to be prioritized and Skatium management needs to follow-up to ensure that work is completed in a timely manner. It was suggested that Rick refer to the "Pennoni Report" to see what recommendations were suggested and then begin to address them.

- 10 Adam also brought up the condition of the boards around the ice. He asked Rick why they look bad when so much money was spent replacing them. Rick told him that the one vendor that makes repairs was unable to get to the Skatium to do what he needs them to do to keep them in good condition. He said that him and John Lynch are going around and doing what they can. Since the meeting, Drew has sent Rick a few contacts of people to call who do this work. The Board highly recommends that the boards get professionally cleaned each year.
- 11 Several Board members including Chas, Adam and Drew asked why the ice at the Skatium has been lower than usual. They experience "wet" ice recently and rivets around the edge. Rick explained that it is the standard to have ice between 1 ¼ and 1 ½" as it is at the Wells Fargo. Drew commented that the depth and ice was described as "sticky ice" by skaters. Since the meeting the Board members confirmed that the ice is consistent in depth to that of the Wells Fargo Center but the Skatium is not caring for the ice in the same manner so it should be noted that Skatium management needs to re-look at what they are doing to ensure a good safe surface. The Board members have been pro-active in getting information out to those in charge and are frustrated with the lack of follow-up to these critical issues.
- 12 Chas also brought up the fact that maintenance on things like the nets should be done in the off season, not during the season when any kind of delay could jeopardize the contracts. He mentioned that the Zamboni door is now affecting the outcome of the games due to its misalignment pucks are now ricocheting off of the uneven surface.
- 13 Drew brought up the "logo" and what Skatium management intends to do. As he stated at the September meeting he would use this opportunity as an educational project for his students and would be a great benefit to the Skatium. Although everyone was eager for this occur Rick did not get back to the Board on the "color" issue. It was recommended that he ask the Commissioner's if there was any criteria as far as colors or any other restrictions before we begin. The Board expects an answer ASAP so that Drew can initiate the project. There were many issues and suggestions discussed and since the meeting there has been a steady email chain trying to get some resolution to some of these issues.
- 14 Joe Noone adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

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