

**Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

- **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:50am. The meeting was held in person in the Pavilion at the Ice Rink. Members Present: Jim Ulchaker, Amy Massad, Diana Leitch, and Dave Furry. Also present: Bob Holub, Krissie Miller, Ryan Schuhler, Daniel Conway and Erica Garland.
- **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 were approved as submitted. Dave Furry motioned and Diana Leitch 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **New Staff Welcome:** Introduction of the new Fitness and Community Programs Manager, Ryan Schuhler.
- **Fees for Approval: presented by Daniel Conway**
  - **Hamilton Ice Arena Fees:** May 2021 was the last fee increase, proposed fees will be for the 2023/24 year and start in January 2023. Mainly due to supply cost and keeping in line with other local rinks. Also looking to add a member rate. This will be in **Ordinance 953.02 Fees**
    - Youth Hockey-Travel Teams:**
      - Member:** current: N/A, proposed: \$650
      - Resident:** current: \$650, proposed: \$780(20%)
      - NR: current:** \$949, proposed: \$1140 (20%)
    - Learn To Play 1:** we provide all equipment to allow for parents and kids to explore the sport without having to purchase all equipment.
      - Member:** current: N/A, proposed \$115
      - Resident:** current: \$115, proposed: \$140 (22%)
      - NR:** current \$135, proposed: \$165 (22%)
    - Learn to Play 2 and 3:** both levels have grown since last year as has Youth Hockey
      - Member:** Current: N/A, proposed: \$295
      - Resident:** current: \$295, proposed: \$350 (19%)
      - NR:** current: \$420, Proposed: \$495(18%)—**was decided to be changed to a higher percent than resident increase, amended to \$500 (19%)**
    - Learn to Skate:** currently also seeing a slight bump in numbers
      - Member:** N/A, proposed \$58/\$64
      - Resident:** current: \$58/\$64, proposed: \$65/\$70(9-12%)
      - NR:** current: \$70/\$76, proposed: \$80/\$85 (12- 14%)
    - Ice rental/Pavilion Rental:** increase to market rate while still giving residents a discount
      - Resident/reoccurring:** current: \$170, proposed: \$200 (18%)
      - NR:** current: \$205, proposed: \$230 (12%)—**was decided to be changed to a higher percentage than resident increase, amended to \$245 (20%)**
    - General Admission and Skate rental/sharpening:** rates will stay the same

All fees were approved with two amended fees. Dave Furry motioned, Diana Leitch 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
All others in favor.

- **Civic Center Report:**

Admissions are on par with previous years. We are currently very short staffed and the full time staff is having to fill in in many areas. Job Fair was held on October 8<sup>th</sup>, which only had one application turned in from that. We have received a few applications since then, may have been from the advertising of the Job Fair and postings. Volleyball is doing well, adult league has 106 teams, 13 teams for youth. Youth Football and Soccer are wrapping up. Registration for youth basketball has started. Swim lessons are up 12 participants. Private swim lessons are currently on hold because no staff to teach. Ryan has added 6 classes to the Q4 schedule for Fitness. Demo week saw an increase of 6.25 people per class. Roof top unit going in at the gym. Fitness-Ryan is looking into personal training in-house to possibly start next month, as this is what his background is in. Now is the time to look into that because our only personal trainer is overloaded and aware of what changes we would like to make.

- **Director's Report:**

**Hockey-** increased in participation by 30 youths, competition level has increased as well.

Learn to Skate- numbers are up but still in need of more instructors. Will not have an Ice Show this year. This is the year (March 23) for it but it is too short staffed and expensive for this year.

**Tri City Meeting-** Tennis Courts 5 and 6 will be redone and lined for Pickleball. \$900,000 is the estimate. During the meeting they discussed schools would contribute along with 3 cities with a 4 way split. School will pay \$112,500 as they use the courts and is the only place that has 5 courts. (*School Board meeting later discussed they might look into bringing courts back in-house and add one more at the MS, or possibly just renting courts when needed*). Courts 5 & 6 and Pickleball: will do the 30in grind which is the same as Linden courts, but anticipated to only have to paint. This will be done no matter if the schools contribute or not. There is already \$125,000 per city banked in preparation for these upgrades.

**Gemini Center/Fairview Park Pool:** they still have no news or updates to their pool situation, everything is currently on the table: Projected construction costs: \$8-8.5 million to correct the issue, \$4-4.5 million to repurpose- as an indoor playground. They have decided to let voters decide. They are currently paying the Rec dept. \$2/entry for their members to use our pool. That agreement will be ending as of 12/31/2022. We will be open to non-residents to sign up as members. Good for us, as, Westlake is not allowing Fairview Park residents to become members.

**2023 Budget:** working on finalizing. Was sent over to Finance last week.

**Questions:**

-Backstop at Linden Park? Needed fence replacing. Morley Park is also having the backstop replaced.

-Financials: September is lower this year, as it all depends on the Hockey Balance Payments for youth hockey.

-Holiday Event: planning on All Aglow again. Will include a movie and street dance. Reindeer Games is the theme.

- **Old Business:** none

- **New Business:** none

- **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:31am, motioned by Dave Furry, Amy Massad 2<sup>nd</sup>.