

## Skatium Ice Rink Advisory Board Minutes – August 21, 2018

**The next Meeting is: Wednesday, September 12, 2018@ 7:30 p.m. at the Skatium, 2<sup>nd</sup>Floor**

**Please note the change in day and date of the next meeting. The change is necessary due to the Jewish holiday which is on our regularly scheduled meeting night.**

Attendees: Adam Terranova, Drew Simcox, Joe Noone, Barbara Latsios, Rob Cohen, Daniel Goduti, Kate Stickel, John Lynch, Rick Turnbull, and sitting in for Larry Holmes, Dr. Gerry Hart, 8<sup>th</sup> ward.

Absent: Karen Samulenas, Chas McGarvey, and Rich Caesar. In lieu of Rich's absence Barbara Latsios will cover the meeting notes.

Adam called the meeting to order promptly at 7:30 pm.

The July 17, 2018 minutes were approved.

There were no public comments.

Adam discussed the building update which included the addition of the water bottle filler, which is a big hit and the completion of the fire alarm project. Skatium management is waiting for the final inspection on that. The cameras are in; however, the installation by the Township has not been scheduled yet. The goal of Skatium management is have all work completed before the start of the hockey season in September.

The generator has been ordered and will have a "transfer switch" to automatically turn on emergency lights in the rink area. The locker and bathroom areas have battery powered emergency lights and are not powered by the generator. The old generator fuel tank will be drained and remain on the premises.

Several members brought up the ceiling vapor barrier which is torn and worn. It creates "hot spots" in the Skatium during hot weather. Adam asked if there was anything available to protect the new ceiling. Rick mentioned that the new barrier is much thicker and is supposed to be "puck proof!" Board members thought any company providing bids should also provide references of area rinks using the product to find out if the product is holding up as they are stating. Rick was amenable to doing that and stated he intends to start getting bids by early next year and the installation should begin in late Spring 2019.

The master control panel is due for replacement in 2020. The rubber floor and new front doors are scheduled for 2021 and 2022.

Moving forward Adam asked all Board remembers to start thinking about building upgrades for 2023 and forward. The cooling towers and bathroom renovations were mentioned as possible projects.

Rick reviewed the finances to date and through July 2018 the Skatium is operating in the black with the busiest months, yet to come.

Dr. Hart brought up the “new fountain” in the front of the Skatium. He stated that the construction company went over the plans at the last Commissioner’s meeting. Barbara asked, “when do the Commissioner’s intend to vote on the fountains.” He wasn’t certain if it would be in September or October. She proceeded to mention that there were concerns regarding the lack of space for off-ice hockey exercise areas, the type of paving that was being used and being an attractive nuisance with the kids.

Drew mentioned that he liked the idea that the Skatium is now affiliated with the US Hockey program. That is a positive professional organization that provides guidelines for hockey organizations.

Adam mentioned that Rick has done a good job putting together a schedule for “kid’s day off” from school due to various holidays and/or in-service days through the end of the year. The schedule as of now is as follows:

Monday, September 10, 2018 – Haverford Township School District In-Service Day;

Wednesday, September 19, 2018 - Haverford Township School District In-Service Day

The target audience is school children and parents. General admission from 10:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 28, 2018 - Monster Mash

Wednesday, October 31, 2018 – Halloween Skate

The target audience is school children and parents. General admission from 10:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. Special pricing

\$8.00 without costume; \$5.00 with costume and Includes skate rental & helper (if needed)

Also scheduled beginning September 29, 2018 – DJ through December/January. The target audience is 13+.

Drew stated that these dates need to put on “Twitter; Snap-Chat; and other social media venues. Adam mentioned the importance of spreading the word on these events. It was also suggested to acquire the Catholic School holiday schedule too. Our goal is to increase the revenue of public skating during the season. Adam suggested that 4” X 6” flyers be distributed within the Township at schools and businesses. Kate and Drew brought up the fact that District schools will not distribute flyers. Barbara suggested it be distributed through Hav-a-Good Times to target the Township residents.

Rick will be solicitating board members who have design/computer skills to design the handout utilizing both sides. Kate mentioned that perhaps Hav-a-burger might want to offer a “special deal” during these “kid’s day off” skates. Rick will check with the owners.

It was mentioned that Rick should let the Board members know when the deadline for the next edition of the Hav-a-Good-Times is due. Board members can make suggestions for what events, etc. should be highlighted under the “Skatium” information.

Drew has multiple pictures to scroll on the large TV monitor at the entrance. Joe Noone suggested that another large TV monitor be added near the restaurant for additional access to viewing the slide shows and information on display. Rick will consider that.

#### **New Business**

Barbara mentioned that the Board needs to start thinking about the Ice Rink Advisory Board’s End-of-year report and presentation to the Commissioners. This usually occurs in December and/or January. Board members need to decide on the 2018 highlights, state of the Skatium and future goals.

Adam adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

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**Respectfully submitted, Barbara L. Latsios**

