

A meeting was called to order at our recreational complex located at Surrey & Balfour Avenues at 6:30pm on **Tuesday, October 3, 2023. The meeting was held the first Tuesday of the month not Tuesday, October 10, since we would not have a quorum and city hall is closed on Monday, October 9 (Columbus Day).** Meeting was advertised in the press on Sept 26, 2023.

Present: Joe Iannuzzelli, Diane Birkbeck, Paul Hydro, Mike Cahill, Jeff Moore. Rec leader, Diana Logue

Motion was made to adopt Sept 2023 minutes by Jeff Moore and seconded by Pual Hydro, all were in favor. Motin carried.

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Joe Costello was in the audience. He wanted to thank the Rec Department for the great season with fall ball/softball season. Steve Bazner, who replaced Tommy Mannering in maintaining the fields/lining them, is doing a great job. Appreciated all the help. Joe took over 2 years ago as president of the baseball association, it's a great atmosphere here now. Joe informed us there is a new baseball president, Bob Langer. Joe Costello now oversees softball; they switched their positions. Joe mentioned that he is interested in putting name in for opening on the recreation board. Joe was told to get his resume to Rec Leader, Diana Logue, who would pass it on to the Mayor for consideration.

Mark LaTrenta is a softball coach and came to talk. He wants to use the softball field on Fridays 7-8:30pm for his 14U girls team. Currently, 18U softball team is practicing at that time and has an already established agreement. Mr. Latrenta asked, if possible, the 18U could move to 8:30-10pm. Diana said she would reach out to them and see if a compromise can be worked out.

Rec Leader Report

Indoor Pickleball: Adult sessions will be held at the VECC every Wed from 5pm-8pm. It will run from Oct-mid December and will be revisited going into 2024 due to the school's use of the gym. Registration is through CourtReserve, which clearly states INDOOR, and is a \$3.00 fee weekly.

Indoor soccer: Free youth soccer clinic held at the VECC on Thursdays from 4pm-5pm. Register through RecDesk and is open to 1st-4th graders. Will run from Oct-December and then again Jan-May 2024, but will be flexible with the school's activity schedule. Flyer being distributed by Lisa Wilson to go to VECC students.

Football: Replacement lights for the scoreboard were ordered with a cost of about \$2,500. The scoreboard was fixed and working for the Oct 7th game. The new fence guards and goal post pads were put up for the Oct 7th game.

Snack Stand: Since the last discussion the stands have been cleaned. One idea was that the City hire a company to clean stand after each team or season and split the cost amongst all the teams using it for the season. A policy would be required and more discussion with City Admin if this were to happen.

Sport Camp – At the end of the summer season the two camp directors brought up the idea of having all the programs over at the fields and NOT use the school except for basketball and volleyball. The Rec board thought great idea, but a lot would have to be considered. One concern is weather, rain, heat wave, shelter inclement weather. Would need to be discussed with Administration.

Indoor volleyball- It will start next Tuesday, 10/10/23. Tim Newkirk will run the program like in the past. League occurs Tues & Fridays at the VECC from 5-10pm. Will conclude in May.

Paint Place Afterschool: Collaboration with Margate Rec at the studio is now changing to tentative dates Nov 28-Dec 19.

VECC- Rec leader, Ms. Logue, has exchanged emails and phone calls with the VECC admin and Rob Baker regarding a couple of issues over the programs that use the school. One issue they state is our programs starting earlier than 5pm. Ms. Logue states that ALL our programs start at 5pm except soccer. Soccer starts at 4:00pm, but was board approved at the Sept BOE meeting. Another situation was soccer uniforms were found in the PW Garage in a bucket, not in the Rec Cage. The Camp Directors from the summer and the Rec Leader have no idea how they got to the Rec as they have never seen them before. The uniforms were returned as well as soccer balls that the Camp Directors were told were leftovers that can be given to the Rec. Turns out they belong to the school soccer coach. Still waiting on a schedule from the school that shows all the school programs and events.

Basketball: Hutch basketball waiting for update from Andrew Miles and Billy Nolan. Diane Birkbeck did add that there is a 5&6 grade team and a 7&8th grade team. Traveling basketball flyers have been distributed via the VECC.

Field Hockey- Instructors are confirmed but no dates have been set yet. Successful turnout from last summer camp so they are excited for this summer. If allowed to use the VECC goals it will be held at the VECC. Still waiting for a response. Rec Dept does not currently own goals so Ms. Logue thought it could be beneficial to purchase own so they can be used anytime. Ms. Logue will discuss with admin for budget.

FMBA Union President Iannuzzelli offered to buy PVC piping and help board member Cahill /Moore build the nets needed for the field hockey camps. Ms. Logue will discuss with board member Iannuzzelli after meeting.

Summer Volleyball Camp: Will be held at the sand volleyball courts at Suffolk Ave. Camp will be July 22-26 2024. The camp will do an 80/20 split with the City. Register on RecDesk and more details to come.

Motion was made by Mike Cahill to adjourn meeting and seconded by Diane Birkbeck . Meeting was adjourned. All were in favor.