

MINUTES

Troy Recreation Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 21, 2018
4:00 p.m.
Hobart Arena

Members Present: Marty Hobart, President; Donna Snipes, Secretary; Doug Jackson and Eric Herman.

Members Absent: Tom Dunn, Vice President.

Others Present: Kenneth Siler, Director of Recreation and Carrie Slater, Assistant Director.

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Recreation Board, Marty Hobart.

The minutes of the January 17, 2018 Joint Recreation and Park Board meeting were read. It was moved by Mr. Herman and seconded by Mrs. Snipes to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.

The Director informed the board that staff is preparing for the summer programs. Carrie has been working on the online registration system. Alli is working on the brochure and finalizing pricing, instructors and everything that goes with preparing the programs. Alli is also working on girls' softball registrations. The deadline was this past Friday. The numbers are locked in. There were some kids on the waiting list. Alli is working on getting those kids called back and getting them registered and placed on teams. She has also been working the last several months with several of the local programs as local communities continue to be impacted by travel and select sports. The department is partnering with several local communities. Last year the department partnered with Tipp City and Piqua. It will be a Miami County program along with Northmont who has been playing some games involved with the Vandalia program. The department is trying to create a new league. The leagues that the Recreation Department participated in the last several years involved a lot of Darke County teams with much more significant travel. The new league will have a travel time of about 15 minutes to visiting sites. The Director is hoping it will be a better option than the Darke County programs.

Upcoming Hobart Arena events: Miami County Home and Garden Show – February 23-25, 2018; OHSAA Division III Wrestling Tournament – March 2 and 3, 2018; Newsboys Concert – March 16, 2018; Ice Racing – March 24, 2018; WGI Practice and Event – April 10-14 and 17-22, 2018; Dayton Feis – April 28, 2018; Justin Moore with Dylan Scott – May 5, 2018; Rodney Carrington – May 17, 2018; Enon Graduation – May 19, 2018; Troy High School Scholarship Assembly – May 22, 2018; Upper Valley Career Center Graduation – May 24, 2018; Miami East Graduation – May 25, 2018; Troy High School Graduation – May 26, 2018; Northwestern Graduation – May 26, 2018; Covington Graduation – May 27, 2018.

The Director informed the board that staff covered the ice this morning. The larger vendors for the Miami County Home and Garden Show started loading in about 2 p.m. The show starts Friday at 2:00 p.m. and will run Saturday and Sunday. The following weekend the OHSAA Division III Wrestling Tournament will be coming in. This is the fourth year for the tournament. This will be the first year that concessions will be fully operational. The Newsboys concert tickets are selling very well and will probably sell out within the next week. The Justin Moore show was re-announced. The show will be held on May 5th. It was initially announced back in October. They changed the date because of direct conflict with a show down at the Nutter Center on the same night. Tickets for the Justin Moore show go on sale next week. Last week Rodney Carrington, a comedian, was announced. The Director told the board that a national comedian has never been done in the arena in recent years. The show is being handled by an outside promoter. The promoter has really been proactive by asking for dates and trying to put other events in the building.

The Director was approached by Greenon High School to have their graduation in Hobart Arena. Their graduation will be held the week prior to all of the other graduations. They have been displaced like Northwestern was. The facility they've had their graduations in over in Springfield is being demolished until their new venue is built they have indicated that they will be using Hobart Arena for two years. There will be six graduations held in Hobart Arena, which is the most that the arena has ever had.

The Director informed the board that since the last board meeting three special non-ice events were held in the arena. There was a Luke Combs concert held on February 8th followed by an FFA event two days after that and then a Cheer Competition that ran until 10:00 p.m. on Sunday night. There were three events in four days. All of them went really well. The Luke Combs show sold out. The FFA went really well. They were very pleased with how everything worked out. There were approximately 4,000 people that came through the facility the day of the Cheer Competition.

The Director is proposing that the rates for summer ice coupons, which are coupons purchased by the Troy Skating Club for their instruction by their pros are sold again this year at \$10.00 per hour. It was moved by Mr. Jackson and seconded by Mrs. Snipes to approve the proposed summer ice coupon rate at \$10.00 per hour for the Troy Skating Club. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the public skating report. This past weekend was a good weekend for being the last weekend. Approximately \$6,000 was generated in skating and concessions revenue.

The Assistant Director informed the board that last week was the deadline for returning staff for the Troy Aquatic Park to get back with her to let her know whether or not they will be returning this year. There was a 93% return rate on staff. The front desk staff along with concession staff is all coming back this year. The Assistant Director works at the YMCA once a week teaching swim lessons or working on skills for lifeguarding. Pool passes have been minimal since the last board meeting. Membership sales will ramp up in March as soon as the weather changes.

Mr. Hobart said this has been the busiest spring for the arena that he could remember. The Director also agreed that it has been very busy.

The Director informed the board that WGI has been practicing in the arena for years. He suggested to them to consider the arena as one of their event venues. As a preliminary event venue WGI will be using the arena on Thursday, April 19th to have one of their events. There will be approximately 500 spectators passing through the arena throughout the day. There may be an opportunity in the future with WGI for other things.

The Director also informed the board that because of the arena schedule; he didn't feel comfortable offering the spring indoor soccer program because it would be limited with no consistent dates.

The Director recommended requesting \$20,000 from the United Way of Troy for the 2019 Troy Playground Program. It was moved by Mr. Herman and seconded by Mrs. Snipes to request \$20,000 from the United Way of Troy for the 2019 Troy Playground Program. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Hobart and seconded by Mr. Jackson to go into executive session at 4:19 p.m. to consider the appointment of a public employee. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Hobart and seconded by Mrs. Snipes to come out of executive session at 4:29 p.m. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Hobart and seconded by Mr. Jackson to hire Jason Stormer as Facility Operator 1 beginning on March 5, 2018. Motion carried.

Being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Hobart and seconded by Mr. Herman to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Snipes
Secretary