

MINUTES

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

Members Present: Marty Hobart, President; Tom Dunn, Vice President and Eric Herman.

Members Absent: Donna Snipes, Secretary and Doug Jackson.

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 February 21, 2018 Joint Recreation and Park Board meeting were read. It was moved by Mr. Hobart and seconded by Mr. Herman to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.

The Director informed the board that Carrie and Alli have been getting things up and ready for registrations for the spring and summer programs. Alli is working on the final copy of the summer brochure. They would like to have the brochure ready to go out to the students once they get back from spring break the week of April 9th. They have also been working on some minor modifications to a few of the programs that have been in place and adding a couple of new ones.

The Director also informed the board that the SAY Soccer Program Director passed away unexpectedly back in October or November. The SAY Soccer program is for grades 3 through high school. Alli has been working on that program meeting with the coordinators of the other programs in the area and people who were in charge of assigning the officials. Up until this point the Recreation Department has run grades 1 and 2 and SAY has run grades 3 and above for the last 15 years. Alli has done a nice job on getting a handle on it.

The board reviewed 2018-19 proposed youth hockey fees. It was moved by Mr. Dunn and seconded by Mr. Herman to approve the proposed 2018-19 youth hockey fees. Motion carried.

Upcoming Hobart Arena events: 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; Greenon 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 the wrestling tournament, home show and concert all went very well. The last three concerts have sold out. The cheer competition which was held in the early part of February had a 23% increase in attendees from 2017 to 2018. The Miami County Home and Garden Show had a 51% increase from 2017 to 2018 and the OHSAA Wrestling Tournament had a 20% increase in attendance from 2017 to 2018. There has been a really good turnout at all of the events held at Hobart Arena recently and things continue to move in a positive direction. This coming weekend ice racing will be held in the arena. Last year there were about 2,600 people in attendance. That is primarily a walkup crowd so you don't know in advance what kind of attendance to expect. Presales are currently less than last year. It is a good event with no problems.

The Director also informed the board that two graduation ceremonies have been added from two schools in the Springfield area. The venue they have been using is not available this year. The schools are Northwestern and Greenon. Greenon will be using the arena for two years. Northwestern indicated they hope to stay long term.

The board reviewed a list of Bravo Room rentals that have been held so far this year and also what is tentatively scheduled so far to date. Word is getting out about the space and the arena continues to get a couple of calls per week. There has been more corporate use during the day for business meetings, etc. UTC Aerospace has used the room multiple times this year. The goal is a gross revenue of \$30,000 from the Bravo Room. The Director is hoping to hit a net of \$20,000 for the year.

The Assistant Director informed the board that memberships are still selling. They are still at a \$10.00 discount through the end of April. Staff has been hired. She will begin training in early May. She has been teaching lifeguarding classes at the YMCA.

The Director informed the board that he is continuing to work on the decade's project down in the corridor highlighting the historical perspective of what took place in the arena. He is hoping to have the 80's done by the end next week. He hasn't done much with the 90's. The 90's will be a challenging decade to work with because that was the point prior to the first major renovation that had taken place. There wasn't much happening in the arena at that time.

Last Friday night during the concert one compressor went down. The refrigeration system runs on two compressors. The refrigeration company has been at the arena since Monday morning trying to get the second compressor back up and operable. This will be the fourth time they have fixed the compressor in a matter of 18 months. They are fixing the problem but not the source of the problem. The Director is hoping they take the time to make sure the problem is fixed properly.

The Director is working with the general contractor of the renovation project. The one year warranty is coming to an end. The Director met with them and did a walk through and there are a few odds and ends they are working on now. They will be at the arena for a few more weeks to get everything fixed.

The Director is also working on getting the alcohol permit applications submitted for this summer for the events at Treasure Island where alcohol will be served which will be the Friday night of Strawberry Festival weekend, June 23rd and August 4th.

The Director informed the board that there are a good number of events that dates are being held for this fall. There have been a lot of calls from new people that he has been working with since late last year. There are four different promoters that are interested in having shows in the building.

The Director informed the board that the American Idol Tour where they bring the top 6 or 7 finishers was proposed to him in the July, August and September time frame. The Director told Variety Attractions that he would be interested in the tour if it could be done in September versus July or August. The Director spoke with Mr. Hobart about it and decided to decline. The tour was \$65,000. Those months are pretty busy and it would be a risk to compete with outdoor venues.

The Director recently sent the board a story that ranked Hobart Arena the #2 indoor sports facility in the Midwest in the Sports Planning Guide publication.

The Director informed the board that action needs to be taken for the concessions contract for the football field at Duke Park. It was initially a two year agreement. The contractor which is Troy Junior Football would like to renew for an additional year for 2018. It was moved by Mr. Hobart and seconded by Mr. Dunn to renew the one year concessions contract at Duke Park for Troy Junior Football. 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,

Kenneth Siler
Interim Secretary