

Skatium Ice Rink Advisory Board Minutes – September 20, 2016

The next Meeting is scheduled for: October 18, 2016 @ 7:30 p.m. at the Library, 2nd Floor

Attendees: Joe Noone, Barbara Latsios, Drew Simcox, Adam Terranova, Karen Samulenas and Rick Turnbull.

Absence Excused: Commissioner Steve D’Emilio; Charles McGarvey; Rich Caesar and Peter Dugery.

Joe Noone started the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

- 1 The August 16, 2016 minutes were approved.
- 2 Public comments: There were no public comments.
- 3 Rick Turnbull presented the numbers for the Board. The numbers are stable and to date the Skatium is operating in the black. Rick has limited the part-time employees hours during the summer months when usage is down. He expects hockey to pick up. The figure skating has brought in additional income with the addition of the skaters from the Philadelphia Skating Club & Humane Society in Ardmore.
- 4 October 1, 2016 is Haverford Township Day. There will be Skating performances and Hockey Clinics. Public Skating will be free from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Rick is unsure as to where the parade will end since the parking lot is off limits due to construction. He has heard that they will be moving the gate back which will open up some additional parking. In about three more weeks the contractor expects to have some cement work done before the asphalt work can be done. He understands that the hold-up has been with the construction of the retention ponds that are required as part of the construction. They are used to limit water run-off during rainfall and getting the necessary paperwork has caused delays.
- 5 Joe Noone mentioned that there are three (3) Board members due for renewal. Adam and Drew are up for re-appointments.
- 6 Joe also asked about Hav-a-burger and the reason the restaurant has had inconsistent operating hours. Rick explained that the renovations took longer and cost more than they had anticipated. One partner has been away. They expect to have a grand re-opening soon and the date will be announced.
- 7 Rick mentioned that the cooling tower is will be replaced in the spring. They received a lower bid for a stainless steel tank. He is confident that they can get through the winter and expect that they will be shut down for four weeks at the end of April 2017 to do the work.
- 8 When the Skatium is closed for the cooling tower installation Rick asked the Board if they were interested in updating the Skatium logo. The Board members all agreed that it would be good to update it. Drew suggested that he would ask his students to do a design. The Board would then be able to vote on 5-10 designs. The public would then be asked to vote on one of them. Joe will discuss the process with Commissioners Chris Connell and Steve D’Emilio. He will also ask them if they had any specific colors in mind that they would like to the new logo painted. The Board members are not certain if the Township has any criteria for things like this.

- 9 Joe asked Rick about the “Theme Nights” and why the inaction on part of the Skatium staff. The Board has spent a lot of time offering low cost suggestions for promoting the Skatium, none of which have been acted on. The Board is frustrated with the “continue as always” attitude of the Skatium management. The Board discussed that with Halloween coming up Friday nights in October can become costume nights, etc. for the public. Rick once again said he would tell Bob Adams. Rick also stated that he would not be hiring a DJ due to a lack of funds which is frustrating because the Board has offered various suggestions for getting good music into the Skatium all of which were not considered.
- 10 Drew did a great job printing pictures of the areas of the Skatium that are in need of repairs and/or renovations. The Coaches Room and Showers are a priority. Rick states that renovations would begin once the funds are in the budget.
- 11 Rick mentioned that he estimated he would get between 18-20 new pairs of skates with the \$2500. He has received for their purchase.
- 12 Joe asked if Kristin Caparra and Karen Boornazian are Township employees. Rick stated that they are not but “Contractors” working for the Skatium. They do receive a salary for group lessons when they are given by them in the spring and fall.
- 13 Rick mentioned that he would like the Board to review the budget categories that are shown each month. They would like to reduce the number shown and feel that some can be combined. Adam said he would review then and get back to him with recommendations.

Joe Noone adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

The next Meeting is scheduled for: Tuesday, October 18, 2016 @ 7:30 p.m. at the Township Library. The Library, 2nd Floor.

