

Skatium Ice Rink Advisory Board Minutes – November 15, 2016

The next Meeting is scheduled for: December 20, 2016 @ 7:30 p.m. at the Skatium, 2nd Floor

Attendees: Commissioner Steve D’Emilio; Joe Noone, Barbara Latsios, Drew Simcox, Adam Terranova, Karen Samulenas, Charles McGarvey Rich Caesar, Kristin Caperra and Bob Adams.

Absence: Peter Dugery. Peter indicated in an email to the Ice Rink Advisory Board that he can no longer participate on the Board and will contact his Commissioner regarding his resignation.

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

- 1 The October 18, 2016 minutes were approved.
- 2 Public comments: There were no public comments.
- 3 Bob Adams stated that he was substituting for Rick who was not feeling well. Bob also stated that he did not have any numbers to share with the Board at this time.
- 4 Bob mentioned that Rick has been working on trying to get some summer Hockey Clinics up and running. His initial deadline was for November, however, it is now looking more like December/January 2017. Several Board members recommended that instructors that are from the outside be considered and booked for the Clinics. Chas recommended that sometime should be spent on the new “Checking Policy.” In addition, Both Adam and Chas feel that installing a “no check line” is something that they foresee coming in ice hockey rules but do not know when it will become policy. This rule which will have a 3-foot zone near the boards to minimize head, neck & spinal injuries. Adam and Chas advised Bob to let Rick know that it may be a good time to consider it when the rink is down for maintenance in May 2017. Bob assured the Board that he would let Rick know and he feels that that would be the best time to make changes to the ice.
- 5 Bob told the Board that the Skatium will be closed from April 30 through May 30, 2017. The Skatium will re-open May 30, the Tuesday after Memorial Day. During the closure the tanks will be replaced. Skatium staff also intend to use the time to paint, add new logo’s, and do other maintenance throughout the building.
- 6 Chas and Rich questioned the purchase of stainless steel tanks due to their ability to rust. There are new tanks now consisting of fiberglass and other materials that might be better for this environment. Both Board members want Rick to make certain that they have a good product and one that will require less maintenance to avoid future expenses.
- 7 Board members also brought up the fact that we have been talking about many of these items for many months and do not see that things are happening as they should. Joe asked Bob what capital improvements were actually requested in the 2017 budget. He brought up the fact that the Main Distribution, the Motor Control Center and breaker boxes need immediate attention. The entire board indicated that this is a serious problem and could result in closure and lost revenue should they fail. Commissioner D’Emilio agreed and told Bob that this should be requested in addition to what is currently being asked of the Township. Commissioner D’Emilio gave Bob his email address and told Bob to have Rick contact him in the morning to go over the

budget details with him. The Commissioner recommended asking Larry G. for the additional funds estimated around \$50,000 and if it can't be added then something else would have to come off of the budget so that this pressing issue be resolved.

- 8 Adam brought up the cleaning of the boards and mentioned that although true we cannot wait for this one person to clean the boards. Rich had done a great job of researching additional companies that do this work. There are several options available and the Skatium needs to address this. The Township spent a lot of money replacing the boards and they need to be well maintained so that they can last. Here is the information that Rich provided to Rick Turnbull and Bob Adams with the Board's recommendation to contract the work out at this time.

Services

The company we used in the past (Arena Services LLC) no longer travels east of Pittsburgh. The owner of the company, as well as the equipment has some high mileage and now limits his service area.

I spoke to another company with a similar name (Arena Serv) that offers dasher board cleaning but will not be back in our area until April 2017. Ironically he mentioned they were in the area in August and he called the Skatium because they had a cancellation. Unfortunately, we did not get back to him so they left the area. They bring all of their own equipment and chemicals. The chemicals are an industrial citrus based de-greaser and a small amount of chlorine bleach. The fee for cleaning is approx. \$800.00 and takes about 2 hours to for the cleaning process. The equipment they use is diesel so we will need an additional hour or so for the fumes to dissipate and for the air quality to returns to a normal level. They are in our area 2 to 3 times a year.

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I contacted several other companies but they will not service the east coast of USA. They are generally selective to Canada and the size of the gear and crossing the border with chemicals makes it too difficult for them to consider.

Equipment

I found a few companies that sell equipment for dasher board cleaning. I had to rule out the equipment that was hand held, appeared to be unsafe, would take entirely too long, or where an additional motorized vehicle was needed. (Bobcat, Kabota, etc.)

I was able to identify a company that produces equipment we can install on our Zamboni to clean the dasher boards ourselves. The product is called Dyna-Scrub and the distributor is JJE in Canada. I spoke to the rep for quite a while and he explained the system. The only chemical is a citrus based cleaner/de-greaser that can be used while the ice is in place or in the off season when the ice is melted. They suggest cleaning the boards in between each season (1 or 2 times a year). If the boards are bad, the first cleaning can take approximately 3 hours. If the boards are cleaned a few times a year it should take less than 2 hours. The equipment is available and can be installed by us or they can send a tech to install it for us. The approx. cost is \$2500.00 plus installation.

In the future we can consider purchasing the equipment but for now it would be easiest and best to contract it out.

Bob and Rick,

Please call Arena Serv and coordinate directly. Let me know if you would like for me to gather additional information. Thanks Rich

- 9 Barbara mentioned that an End-of-Year report needs to be written and presented to the Commissioners. Rich Caesar graciously volunteered to present it. The report should list 2016 Accomplishments and Areas that the Board recommends action on in 2017. All Board members should forward their thoughts to Joe Noone so that a discussion can take place at the December meeting.
- 10 Drew discussed the idea of modernization of the "Skatium Logo." Kristin was concerned that if a new logo was adopted that it would cause a costly domino effect with all the different uses for that logo. Drew explained that the intent was to add things in gradually and not replace the current logo but to add a new more modern design. He explained that his college students would present their ideas to the Board and any changes would have to be approved before anything was accepted. Kristin agreed that this would be something worthy to do. Drew will pursue working with his students.
- 11 Bob mentioned that due to scheduling conflicts Winterfest would be On Sunday, December 11, 2016 this year. He also mentioned that the Delaware County Skating Club (DCSC) will have the annual "Holly Berry Show" on Sunday, December 18 and then on Monday, December 19 "Pink the Rink" game between St. Joseph's Prep and O'Hara. Drew mentioned that the Haverford Alliance for Drug Alliance (HAFDA) will have a charity event in late February or early March 2017.
- 12 Joe Noone adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

The next Meeting is scheduled for: Tuesday, December 20, 2016 @ 7:30 p.m. at the Skatium.

