

**Glen Ellyn Park District  
Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center Advisory Committee Meeting  
Minutes  
Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center  
February 28, 2018  
6:30 p.m.**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm

**Roll Call**

Members present were Co-chairman Alex Durham, Co-chairman Ben Stortz, Marion Michel, John Nevins, Beth Lily, Mark Reinke, and Gina Walch.

Staff present were Executive Director Dave Harris, Superintendent of Recreation Kathleen Esposito, and Facility Manager Ryan Miller.

**Approve Minutes**

John Nevins moved, seconded by Alex Durham to approve the minutes from the June 14, 2017 Ackerman SFC Advisory Committee meeting.

*Roll Call:*       *Aye:* Co-chairman Alex Durham, Co-chairman Ben Stortz, Marion Michel, John Nevins, Beth Lily, Mark Reinke, and Gina Walch

*Nay: None*

*Motion Carried*

**2017 Highlights and Review**

Superintendent Kathleen Esposito provided a brief overview of the 2017 budget year end numbers, membership update, and general facility improvements including: LED lights in gymnasium and turf, removal of counter and installation of new carpeting in the Fit and Play room, rubber flooring in turf spectator area, drinking fountains with bottle filling stations, wood lockers with programmable locks in fitness area and running track, coat racks throughout facility, re-upholstery on 17 benches in fitness area and the marketing centers throughout the facility.

Co-chairman Stortz inquired about the membership retention rate. Facility Manager Ryan reported a 64% retention. Fitness Industry standards rates are 60 to 75%.

Member Nevins inquired about the ability to measure membership hourly usage. Facility Manager Miller reported that there are several different usage reports available to staff.

Member Michel discussed utilizing the gym for overflow for the group fitness program. She also discussed utilizing the gym for the Fit N Play overflow during peak times. Manager Miller explained that staff monitor classes and attendance numbers very closely and will look to utilize these spaces if necessary.

Member Lily stated that staff has done a terrific job balancing open gym times and rentals. Her children regularly utilize the open gym and turf time during the available times.

Superintendent Esposito explained the new WIFI enhancements that were installed to increase the WIFI opportunities throughout the building. The facility has six (6) total WIFI locations. Member Reinke stated that the WIFI has improved and was appreciative.

### **2018 Goals and Projects**

Facility Manager Ryan Miller presented the 2018 Goals and Projects including:

- expand emphasis on member retention and attracting new members
- enhancing the personal training program
- increasing facility hours with new early morning hours already being offered beginning in February
- install four (4) new basketball hoops on gym court 2
- launch a new website for the facility which was completed in January
- purchase new cardio pieces (2 Octane already purchased and installed with positive member feedback)
- introduce an app-based TV connection for members to use their portable devices,
- upgrade design of the facility in spring including new banners in turf area reflecting/promoting park district sports and recreation activities.
- installation of additional security cameras throughout facility which was completed in February
- installation of a new parking lot. Director Harris explained the back history, the delay due to a funding grant withheld but anticipates the new parking lot will be installed this summer.

### **Additional Comments**

Member Nevins inquired about long term plans for capital improvements to the facility. Director Harris stated that there is a capital asset replacement plan going out over 20 years and staff will provide the plan at the next Committee meeting.

Member Lily complimented staff on offering short term student passes. Staff added winter, spring and summer break passes.

Member Reinke suggested staff investigate a way to increase the stretching space in the fitness area. Executive Director Dave Harris explained there has been conversations in the past to remove the service desk and make that an additional stretching area. Member Lily thought this would be a great solution and to move the service desk near the entrance of the fitness center.

Member Nevins suggested staff investigate the cost of a zero-gravity treadmill to see if this would be financially possible to add to the facility. Manager Miller stated this item would be investigated.

Member Michel made a comment that the members shower soap needs to be changed out and refilled on a regular basis. Manager Miller stated this would be corrected.

Member Lily requested a straight pullup bar to be installed in the fitness area. Miller stated this would be taken care of.

Nevins requested staff to research different options for weight benches when purchasing in the future. He has heard numerous members complain that the height of the bench hinders their ability to use the equipment effectively. Miller will take this into consideration.

Executive Director Harris informed the group that staff are close to finalizing a deal with the College of DuPage to allow Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center Members the opportunity to utilize their pool as an add on to their membership. Members Walch and Storz stated this was a great addition to the membership.

### **Adjourn**

Marion Michel motioned, seconded by Beth Lily to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

*Roll Call:*        *Aye:* Co-chairman Alex Durham, Co-chairman Ben Stortz, Marion Michel, John Nevins, Beth Lily, Mark Reinke, and Gina Walch

*Nay: None*

Motion Carried