

**Glen Ellyn Park District
Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes
Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center
Thursday
November 10, 2016
6:30 p.m.**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:37pm

Roll Call

Members present were Co-chairman Julia Nephew, Co-chairman Vanessa Pierce, Mark Reinke and Gina Walch.

(Facility Manager Clark informed Committee Members that Dan Anderson and Mike McGee have stepped down from the committee due to personal reasons and both expressed their support of the committee and appreciated the opportunity to participate and contribute)

Staff present were Executive Director Dave Harris, Superintendent of Recreation Kathleen Esposito, Facility Manager Jenny Clark, and Assistant Facility Manager Dustin Kleefisch.

Approve Minutes

Mark Reinke moved, seconded by Vanessa Pierce to approve the Minutes from the March 16, 2016 Ackerman SFC Advisory Committee meeting.

Roll Call: Aye: Co-chairman Julia Nephew, Co-chairman Vanessa Pierce, Mark Reinke and Gina Walch.

Nay: None

Motion Carried

Staff Highlights

Introduction of Dustin Kleefisch, the new Assistant Facility and Aquatic Manager.

2016 Update

Facility Manager Clark provided an overview for 2016 including: budget, fitness memberships, group fitness numbers, new climbing wall programs, rentals and the Fit N' Play.

Co-Chairman Nephew and Pierce inquired if we could consult with preschool teachers at SARC for project and activity ideas. Staff will research and follow up with committee.

2016 Goals and Objectives

Facility Manager Clark reviewed the following goals and objectives for 2016:

The district secured a new three year lease with Hard Gainer Athletics (HGA) while maintaining a relationship with the Bulls Sox Academy. Walch inquired if Glen Ellyn teams are able to use the batting cages located in HGA. Harris explained that the Glen Ellyn teams will still have the same training with the cages as previous years and explained the HGA lease and she could contact HGA to inquire about rental use.

Two (2) new Life Fitness Treadmills were added to the fitness center and the group studio received four (4) new spin bikes. Pierce inquired about the replacement plan for the equipment. Harris explained there is an equipment replacement schedule in the business plan.

New water fountains with water bottle refilling stations have been purchased and will be installed by the end of the year. Nephew inquired if there was a filter for both areas that water comes out of. After discussion with staff, it was confirmed that all the water out of the fountains is filtered. Clark will look into getting the water tested.

Fitness center enhancements for 2016 included mirrors added in the stretching area, replacing the fitness desk counter and researching lockers for the fitness center with the hopes they are in place by the end of the year. Reinke inquired if there could be some cubbies left for individuals who did not want to lock their stuff up but just throw it in a cubby. Staff will research this suggestion to see if both can be placed in the fitness center.

An update regarding recent parking lot repairs was provided and the district continues to be advised to wait for IGIG grant funds to be released which will fund the conversion of the lot to permeable pavers. Reinke inquired about a backup plan if the funds are not released. Harris explained that the park district was required to provide a third of the cost to obtain the IGIG grant. Therefore, if the grant is not released there will be money available to asphalt which is considerable less than pavers.

2017 Proposed Goals and Objectives

The proposed 2017 budget was presented with goals and objectives. Reinke inquired where the surplus from Ackerman SFC goes. Harris explained that \$100,000 is transferred to asset management account for Ackerman SFC improvements while the remaining balance contributes to the park district's general fund which funds other ongoing improvements.

Clark discussed upcoming goals for 2017, including, a fitness membership referral program, increase athletic and fitness programming, evaluate rental fees, recruit Advisory Committee Members, replace turf lights with LED lights, add four additional basketball hoops to court 2, improve internet/Wi-Fi infrastructure and replace carpet/flooring in turf and fitness center.

Upcoming Special Events

Staff discussed upcoming events for November and December at Ackerman SFC.

Comments/Questions

Reinke inquired about the Ackerman SFC Advisory recruitment process. Clark reported that when the committee was formed we looked for individuals who used different areas within Ackerman SFC (i.e. fitness center, basketball courts, turf, group fitness, Hard Gainers, Fit N Play, etc) to form a diverse group. Reinke suggested John Nevins or some of the “regular ladies from the morning crew”.

Pierce inquired about 30 minute group fitness classes expressing sometimes it is difficult to get a full hour workout in and express/abbreviated classes might be convenient. Clark reviewed the express classes currently on the group fitness schedule with the group but would research if more could be added.

Reinke inquired about the new Orange Theory business in town. Clark explained the Orange Theory was a group fitness style class that monitors participant’s heart rates which are displayed for the entire class to see. Kleefisch added it was high interval training classes.

Reinke inquired about demographics of memberships in relation to the north side or south side of the tracks. Staff will research and inform committee.

Walch mentioned that she saw an HGA client spitting on the track and inquired if some disinfectants could be placed on the track along with a garbage can to allow members to wipe it up if they wanted. A waste receptacle was placed on the track for members to throw away items. Additionally, staff will walk the track hourly to clean up any items on the track. HGA has been reminded there is no spitting allowed on the track.

Reinke inquired about the cost of the audio boxes on the cardio equipment as he has challenges getting them to work on occasion. Clark discussed new technology in the industry that is an application on your Smartphone and this option has begun to be researched and hopes to purchase in 2017. In the meantime, the current boxes will be tested and any that are not working will be replaced.

Staff thanked the committee members for their time and input.

Adjourn

Mark Reinke motioned, seconded by Gina Walch, to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

*Roll Call: Aye: Co-chairman Julia Nephew, Co-chairman Vanessa Pierce,
Mark Reinke and Gina Walch.*

Nay: None

Motion Carried