

**Glen Ellyn Park District
Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Spring Avenue Recreation Center
August 26,2021
6:00 p.m.
"Unapproved"**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Advisory Committee Roll Call

ASFC Members present were John Nevins, CJ Powers, Sim Kurup, Katie Brown, Beth Lilly, John Kuhlmann

GE Park District Board liaisons present were Rob Webber, Ben Stortz

GE Park District staff present were Executive Director Dave Harris, Facility Manager Ryan Miller, Assistant Facility Manager/Fitness Operations Stacey Lim

III. Approve Minutes

Ryan Miller moved, second by John Nevins to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2020, Ackerman SFC Advisory Committee meeting.

Roll Call: Aye: John Nevins, Katie Brown, CJ Powers, Sim Kurup, John Kuhlmann, Beth Lilly,

Nay: None

Motion Carried

IV. Covid Impact 2020 to Present

Facility Manger Ryan Miller provided a brief overview on the impact of Covid-19 to the ASFC Facility including financial impact, operations, and compliance.

In response to an inquiry regarding the impact the pandemic had on ASFC memberships, Facility Manager Miller stated the affect was significant. Membership has declined by nearly 1,000 since early 2020 and the financial loss is \$400,00+.

As memberships have stabilized in recent months, the current retention is at 74% (industry standard is 70%).

V. 2021 Highlights and upcoming Events

Miller shared information on facility goals and accomplishments for 2021 including: Hosting 1st Annual Ackerman Woods Spook Trail, 1st annual 2K for Kids Color Run, Community challenge Monday Miles, Freedom Four Mile Run, hosted a Disc Golf Tournament at Mary Knoll, Variety of youth programs, and camps, birthday party rental growth, and overall growth of the facility.

Committee members expressed appreciation for the hard work and dedication of ASFC staff through-out the pandemic.

VI. Other ongoing efforts include but limited to:

- Hard Gainers Athletics is relocating from ASFC to an off-site location. ASFC assume control and will repurpose the space. Use will include group fitness, rentals, programs, group trainings, and athletic activities. Batting cages and lighting would be likely immediate capital improvements within the HGA space. A longer-range plan would be developed after initial use and review of the needs
- Review of childcare operations will occur. Due to the pandemic, childcare has not been provided. Staff is considering not offering the same service even when allowed. When available, the childcare operation serves a minimal number of members and is financially subsidized. Staff is reaching alternative programming to serve those with childcare needs.
- Staff will continue to be aggressive, resourceful, and active in booking rentals for indoor space (gyms, turf, HGA room) along with the outdoor turf field.

VII. Facility Improvements and Renovation Updates

Executive Director Harris provided an update on the following:

- Status of the PARC grant application for proposed interior improvements to ASFC. Unfortunately, the District was not successful in attaining the grant. Elements of the improvement plan will be considered in the next few years depending on need and financial resources
- The Park District has submitted an OSLAD grant application for improvements to the nearby Lenox Road property. Those improvements include pickle ball courts, pedestrian bridge through the wetland, community gardens, outdoor education shelter.
- The Park District remains vibrant despite the challenges and in addition to all our ongoing programs, activities, events and facilities, the Park District has expanded our community outreach. These have included blood drives, food drives, flu shots, vaccination clinics and assistance to our other governmental partners.

VIII. Additional Comments

Member Kurup suggested a more challenging Yoga class. Member Brown agreed. Both members also suggested additional padded weight bars.

Member Kuhlmann requested pull up assistant straps and a triceps lifting bar. Assistant Manager Lim stated the bands had already been ordered and she would investigate the triceps bar.

Member Nevins suggested new benches that don't slide across the floor as easily. Facility Manager Miller will research.

Member Powers and Kurup both suggested multiple sets of kettle bells, and more in-depth ways of taking measurements of members that workout independently.

Member Powers suggested a body scanner that takes the measurements in a seamless and noninvasive way. Lim asked member Powers to provide information if possible and she would take it under advisement.

Member Powers wrapped up the last comment with suggesting an Amphitheater outdoors at Ackerman.

IX. Adjourn

Member Beth Lilly motioned, seconded by Katie Brown to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

*Roll Call: Aye: John Nevins, Katie Brown, CJ Powers, Sim Kurup, John Kuhlmann, Beth Lilly,
Nay: None*

Motion Carried