



GENESEO PARK DISTRICT

Advisory Committee Minutes

March 28th, 2022

4:00 p.m.

The mission of the Geneseo Park District is to enhance the quality of life in our community by providing a positive recreational experience for all.

ATTENDING:

Brent Starkey, Marty Golby, Joanne Gernant, Melissa Olson, Andy Thurman, Scott Himmelman, Andrew Sigwalt, and Nathan Vorac.

- Absent: Tricia Hull, Jody Newkirk, William Schehl,

FOLLOW UP FROM LAST MEETING:

- The new Recovery Room is open for Members and daily guest to use. It is located in the Indoor Pool lobby where the former IP Desk was located. The room has a variety of rollers, massage gun, compression sleeves for legs, arms and hips and a multifunction massage chair. The room is for individuals high school age and older, and a key to get into the room can be checked out at the front desk with an exchange of car keys or another personal item to ensure the Recovery Room key returns to the desk.
- As usual during the early part of the year, there has been a build-up of salt around the building and track. Recently Scott has hired two new custodians who are able to help during the day-time hours.
- As of February 28th, mask were made optional inside of public buildings. The desk will continue to have masks available to the public if they wish to wear one in the building.
- The gymnastics program is continuing to work with the younger rec programs we continue to evaluate the different levels of the competitive programs and how to address travel and competitions fees and charges.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS:

- Mr. Starkey mentioned that comments and questions continue to rise about the option of an Indoor Pool only membership. Mr. Thurman explained the reason why the Park District no longer has an IP only membership. Some of the major reason for this is the cost associated with the indoor pool are very high and an IP only membership would cost higher then when we spread the cost throughout the entire Community Center. Another issue that comes up with an IP only membership is keeping track of members who come in the building and keeping them only in the IP area and not allowing them access to other parts of the building such as the cardio/weight room, gym and track.
- Mr. Golby commented on all the wonderful programs that are being offered in the Spring Guide and enjoyed seeing more programs returning to normal.

- Mr. Golby commented on how well attended the free classes for seniors is going. They seem to enjoy trying new classes and obviously they enjoy the price of the free program.
- Mr. Golby asked if the Park District looked into the Silver Sneaker program. Mr. Thurman was able to answer the question and yes we have looked into the program over the years, but there are requirements with the program that don't completely fit well with our organization. Some of the issues pertain to us being forced to run their specific programs with a certified instructor from their program regardless of if the class has met attendance minimums. Another issue that would hinder some of our members is not everyone has the same insurance so some members would not be qualified to apply for the Silver Sneakers program. That would isolate some people which would not be fair to our entire Park District membership.
- Mrs. Olson wanted to comment on how well Regan (lifeguard/swim instructor) does with all the kids during her swim lessons.
- Mrs. Olson had other parents asked if it would be possible to move some of our 3:30pm gymnastics classes back to 3:45pm to assist parents picking up kids from school to travel and get children ready in such a short time. This could be a possibility, but it would have a domino effect with the other classes later in the day.
- Mrs. Olson inquired about a youth dance class for younger children who want something to do other than gymnastics.
- Mrs. Olson commented on the large group of Middle School aged children utilizing the building this winter. Everyone thinks its great that this age group has a safe place to hang out, but some of the kids in the group are not acting appropriately in different areas of the building. Mr. Sigwalt mentioned that this was something that we are aware of and the Community Center Managers will be make an effort to monitor the situation and enforce the Center rules to ensure that it is an enjoyable facility for everyone who attends.
- Mrs. Olson has enjoyed and mentioned that Shannon's Pop-up classes have been going very well and she will continue to share the events as they come up.

NEWS FROM STAFF:

Notes from Mr. Thurman:

- The April/May Activity Guide is currently out and available for registration. Staff will be working on the Summer Activity Guide soon and it will be available at the end of April and registration for members will begin on the first Friday of May.
- The outdoor Aquatic Center will be opening at the end of May (60 days from the time of this meeting).
- Multiple people have been inquiring about having the Center look into having our kitchen certified by the health department so that they can use it for business baking uses. The Park District will be looking into this and will reach out to the health department. (since this meeting the Health Department did not recommend that outside organizations use the kitchen for commercial use).
- Many FREE programs will be coming up this summer. Programs include but not limited to the Movies in the Park series, Community Campout, Kiwanis Fun Day at the Aquatic Center.

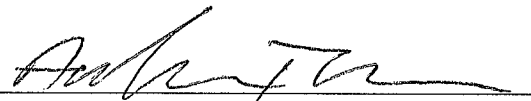
Notes from Mr. Sigwalt:

- The Summer program guide will include the usual land/water fitness programs, but will also include some newer programs for youth and some outdoor fitness programs at the Hennepin Canal and Anderson Park.
- The Lifefitness Room was recently updated with new colored lights and lasers that will be used for different fitness classes for an added experience.

ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting was adjourned with a motion by Mr. Starkey and seconded by Mr. Golby at 4:45 p.m.

Approved By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy Thurman", written over a horizontal line.

Andy Thurman, Executive Director
Geneseo Park District