

Deerfield Park District

Recreation Center Advisory Committee

Minutes of April 27, 2023

(1) Call to Order

The meeting of the Recreation Center Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Deputy Director of Recreation Tony Korzyniewski at the Sachs Recreation Center, Room E-1. The following were in attendance:

Present: Alan Barasky, Anne Dickerson, Annette Baez, Paul Lopata, Albert Flores, Nicholas Solomon, Ilyse Steiner, Director of Recreation Laura McCarty, Deputy Director of Recreation Tony Korzyniewski, Fitness Operations Supervisor Amy Kanzler, Facility Operations & Membership Supervisor Chris Moilanen and Park Board Commissioner Michael Brown

Absent: Lauren Gordon, Executive Director Jeff Nehila and Lead Facility Engineer Sesar Botello

(2) Welcome New Committee Members

Deputy Director of Recreation Korzyniewski welcomed the newly appointed Committee members and gave them a brief overview of the Recreation Center Advisory Committee, its functions and how the meetings are typically run.

(3) Matters from the Public

There were no matters from the public.

(4) Review of Minutes

The Committee reviewed the meeting minutes of February 23, 2023, noting no changes.

(5) General Manager Report

(a) Membership Fee Increase – April 1, 2023

Deputy Director of Recreation Korzyniewski provided a brief overview of the Competitive Market Analysis (CMA) staff conducted last year which compared SRC fees to surrounding Park Districts. As a result of that analysis, the District enacted a \$3 increase across all membership types. Business expenses are at an all-time high, which is what also necessitates this fee increase. Staff believes the memberships remain a great value and have received very little negative feedback with respect to the fee increase. Membership fees are evaluated on an annual basis to keep revenue in line with expenses.

(b) SRC Emergency Operations Plan

Deputy Director of Recreation Korzyniewski reported the District recently enacted an Emergency Operations Plan agencywide. As a result of that EOP, every room within each facility has a flipchart outlining emergency procedures for various scenarios such as medical

emergencies, severe weather, lockdown in case of an active shooter or bomb threats. There will be ongoing training and drills within the SRC to ensure staff remain prepared and vigilant.

(c) 2023 SRC Capital Projects Update

Deputy Director of Recreation Korzyniewski advised there are numerous capital projects slated for this year. The projects will start in mid-August and the facility will be closed during this time. The old tile and carpet on the west end of the building will be updated and the walls will be given a fresh coat of paint. The running track will receive a new navy-blue overlay. Additionally, the purple divider curtain and hot water boiler will be replaced. While the facility is closed for these renovations, it will also be given a deep clean. The indoor pool will be drained and sanitized as well as the locker rooms. The hardwood basketball courts, group exercise studio and racquetball courts will be screened and sealed as part of the annual wood floor maintenance plan. New furniture will be purchased and placed in the main lobby and tennis lobby areas. Staff has planned to have work begin August 14th and be substantially completed by August 28th.

(6) Fitness Operations Supervisor Report

(6)(a) April-May 2023 Group Exercise Schedule

Fitness Operations Supervisor Amy Kanzler circulated the recent group exercise schedule. Minor changes have been made due to staff availability and participation levels. The new schedule also includes outdoor classes weather permitting beginning in May.

(6)(b) Personal Training/Nutritional Counseling Update

Supervisor Kanzler briefly expanded upon recent fitness and nutritional offerings. Due to low enrollment numbers, the accountability series has been permanently cancelled. The accountability series would have been led by Kim Blum, the District's registered Dietitian. It would have included a series of health topics customized for participants. With respect to fitness, Supervisor Kanzler also offered a spring step challenge that did not run either due to low participation levels. She believes the \$10 fee associated with the step challenge deterred members from signing up.

Staff will also be adding additional content to the District's newsletter. Every month, certain fitness instructors and their classes will be highlighted to promote interest.

(5)(c) Upcoming Fitness & Wellness Programming

Upcoming offerings include a free 30-day core and jump rope challenge. Commissioner Brown initiated a brief discussion regarding the District's registration process for fitness classes.

(7) Facility Operations & Membership Supervisor Report

(7)(a) SRC Membership Enrollment Update

Facility Operations Supervisor Chris Moilanen reported that there were 1,085 active members as of today. Interest for the fitness center remains high despite the change in weather. Prior to the pandemic, the fitness center was at 1,120 active members.

On May 8th, the SRC will offer a discounted student membership aimed towards college students returning for summer break. There has also been a significant increase in the Gym Pass membership offered to employees within certain nearby companies that the SRC has an

agreement with. The SRC has also contracted with FitReserve to capture revenue from people outside of the community. These individuals pay for a membership through FitReserve and can use it at various facilities throughout the Chicagoland area, including the SRC. FitReserve is affiliated with Trustmark and has a large corporate following. The District will net \$9 a visit.

(7)(b) Current SRC Operations Overview

Tennis and pickleball rentals remain in high demand. There were ten birthday parties scheduled for April. Staff expects to see a slight dip in birthday party revenue over the summer due to the change in weather. The facility is also busy with lap swim reservations, COHO Swim Club and indoor swim lessons – including private swim lessons. Upcoming events include the DHS After Prom Party on May 20th, The Chicago Sky training camp begins April 30th and Saturday, June 10th is Reuse-a-Rama. Supervisor Moilanen asked the Committee to please help spread the word and consider donating used textiles, shoes, books, eyeglasses, and plastic bags.

(8) Lead Facility Engineer Report

In Lead Facility Engineer Sesar Botello's absence, Deputy Director of Recreation Korzyniewski reported that Sesar's team recently worked with HVAC contractor to replace a 25-ton roof top unit that had an irreplaceable ruptured coolant coil. All emergency lights have been serviced or replaced throughout the facility. He commended Sesar's team on keeping up with the increased demand for daily facility cleaning, laundering of towels, program and event set-ups and with the general upkeep of the facility.

(9) Other Items

DHS Post Prom Event

Deputy Director of Recreation Korzyniewski further expanded upon the DHS Post Prom event and stated the Park District is proud to be able to support DHS and the post prom parent's committee by providing a safe and fun space for the students.

(10) The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 24, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

(11) There being no further business or additional discussion, the meeting of the Recreation Advisory Committee was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine Serbin
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