

Deerfield Park District

Recreation Center Advisory Committee

Minutes of February 22, 2024

(1) Call to Order

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

Present: Alan Barasky, Anne Dickerson, Annette Baez, Albert Flores, Nicholas Solomon, Superintendent of Recreation Tony Korzyniewski, Facility Operations Supervisor Chris Moilanen and Park Board Commissioner Michael Brown

Absent: Paul Lopata, Lauren Gordon, Ilyse Steiner

(2) Matters from the Public

There were no matters from the public.

(3) Review of Minutes

The Committee reviewed the meeting minutes of October 26, 2023, noting no changes.

(4) General Manager Report

(4)(a) Competitive Market Analysis and Proposed Fee Increase – 4/1/24

General Manager Korzyniewski presented a Competitive Market Analysis (CMA) which compared SRC fees to surrounding Park Districts. The most comparable membership structure to Deerfield would be Highland Park, although Highland Park is priced differently. An increase of 6% for Fitness Center Memberships, 5% increase for Group Exercise Memberships and a 4% increase for All-Access Memberships was recommended. Daily Fees would be increased by \$1.00. Personal Training would be increased by approximately 6.5% for a 1-hour session. Gym Rentals were increased by \$15 per hour.

(4)(b) 2023 SRC Capital Projects Update

The District has a 7-year Capital Improvement Plan in which staff and the Board annually reassess to identify and act upon large scale projects. In 2024, the slated projects for the SRC are purchasing a new floor scrubber, replacing indoor cycle bike fleet, Refinishing floors on Gyms A&B, Tennis court #1 resurfacing and color coating, Awning replacement, Staff office renovations and new swimming pool lane lines.

(4)(c) Chicago Sky, Rush Physical Therapy and North Shore Rhythmic Gymnastics - updates

General Manager Korzyniewski reported that the Chicago Sky will be returning for their 12th season at the center. Training camp will begin April 29. Rush Physical Therapy remains busy and is considering expanding hours in the fall of 2024. NSRG will be hosting the Illinois State

Rhythmic Gymnastics competition March 14-16. The NSRG usage agreement will expire on September 30, 2024.

(5) Fitness Operations Supervisor Report

(5)(a) February-March 2023 Group Exercise Schedule

Fitness Operations Supervisor Amy Kanzler was absent and General Manager Tony Korzyniewski gave report in her absence. Tony circulated the recent group exercise schedule. Minor changes have been made due to staff availability and participation levels. There are 49 group exercise classes offered on a weekly basis, which is a significant increase in offerings from 2023. Attendance remains high as there are over twelve people in many classes on a consistent basis and there are increased evening offerings to attract new members.

General Manager Tony Korzyniewski gave an overview of the Indoor Triathlon event. For the first time running the event, it all went very well. Tony thanked committee member Albert Flores for working with Amy on several key initiatives for the event.

General Manager Tony Korzyniewski briefly expanded upon the fitness and nutritional offerings discussed in the Spring/Summer Programming Guide which has since been released.

(5)(b)

Amy will be holding Step Challenge that is similar to the internal employee step challenge. This event will allow people of all ages and abilities an opportunity to participate.

(6) Facility Operations & Membership Supervisor Report

(6)(a) SRC Membership Enrollment Update

Facility Operations Supervisor Chris Moilanen's reported that there were 1,052 active members as of January 31st. Currently, there are 1,065 members. Interest for the fitness center remains high..

(6)(b) Current SRC Operations Overview

Between tennis and pickleball programs, there are over 500 participants per week and over 100 pickleball court rentals a month.

Birthday parties are in full swing. There is a birthday party scheduled for every weekend in March. Staff is witnessing high participation numbers for afterschool sports classes.

(7) Other Items

Advisory Committee Members

General Manager Korzyniewski advised that three Advisory Committee members three-year terms will be ending in April of 2024 and three new Advisory Committee members will be joining the committee next meeting. He thanked the departing Committee members for their service to the District. He asked that members refer other qualified individuals who may be interested in serving their community.

(9) The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

(10) There being no further business or additional discussion, the meeting of the Recreation Advisory Committee was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.