



Saint Ignace Area Recreation Advisory Committee
 Meeting Minutes *November 11th, 2020*
 6:00 PM at Little Bear East

1. **Call to Order** by Craig Therrian at 6:08 PM.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call- Voting Members** (*Need 6 for a Quorum*)

	Present		Present
Ed Paquin, St. Ignace Citizen at Large	___	Craig Therrian, Moran TWP Rep. (Chair)	<u>X</u>
Emily Fullerton, St. Ignace Citizen at Large	<u>X</u>	Jimmy Dekeyser, Visitors Bureau Rep.	<u>X</u>
Robert St. Louis, City Council Member	<u>X</u>	Tammy Shepard, SIHA Rep.	<u>X</u>
Connie Litzner, City Council Member	___	Bridgett Sorenson, Sault Tribe Rep. (Vice Chair)	___
Martha Sjogren, St. Ignace Area Schools Rep.	___	Darcy Long, City Manager	<u>X</u>
Merlin Doran, Moran Township Rep.	<u>X</u>	Morgan Mills, Recreation Director (No Vote)	<u>X</u>
		Megan Lamb, Events & Program Coordinator (No Vote)	<u>X</u>

4. **Corrections, Deletions or Additions to the Agenda** (Board & Staff Only)

5. **Approval of the August Minutes** by Merlin motions and Jimmy 2nd

6. **New Business**

1. Little Bear Update

a. Hockey at Little Bear (Tournaments & Games)

- i. Morgan talked about the first tournament that we had on Oct. 23rd-25th, Boo in the Soo. They rented our ice for the whole weekend. They had a tight schedule but we were able to find our groove with cleaning in between the games, and it was good practice for our tournaments. We unfortunately had to cancel our first two tournaments, Camo Shootout and Northern Exposure, due to the lack of teams that signed up. Our tournaments in December, Squirts Championship and Bantams on the Bay are full and have an additional team on a waiting list for both tournaments. We are looking for more teams for our Mite Jamboree, Midget Showdown, U19 Girls Tournament, and Bridge Brawl (PeeWee A/AA). On our website we have posted our rink guidelines. This year for Open Skate and Stick & Puck there is a cost. It's just \$5, but you can also buy for a month (\$20), or a Season (\$80) which is good until we take the ice off. The use of our locker rooms will only be allowed during practices and single games. During tournaments

the locker rooms will be locked. Tammy said that all the games are scheduled for the Hockey Association and let us know that the 4 hour rule can be changed sometimes so that teams don't have to wait as long to play the games. Tammy also mentioned that the practice times shouldn't be moved because there are some parents that travel and have kids in both the Mites and Squirts. Morgan said that she doesn't want to lose out on the opportunity to bring other teams in for a game and for the one practice she had changed she spoke with the coach of the Squirts and they said it was fine. She stated that she understands how that could be difficult for the teams. Tammy also brought up adding the phone numbers of the parents at tournament registration into our rink guidelines so that we have a contact number for them.

- ii. Megan talked about the Helper Helper App and how we as a community are trying to get this app going so that our community can see the volunteer options that we can participate in. Right now Megan has added all the tournaments and games that are scheduled to happen. The volunteers that decided to help with the tournaments will be helping us with cleaning in-between the games, and helping with music throughout the tournaments. Megan was able to have a meeting with Mr. Fettig and the high school and they are trying to find a time when they can meet with Mrs. Olsen to get the app known in the high school. As of right now Mr. Fettig thinks that doing a workshop at the school would be helpful. Emily brought up the work experience for the high school students. Megan said that she would bring that up when she meets with Mr. Fettig and Mrs. Olsen.
- iii. Morgan asked Tammy about the volunteer hours that the hockey parents. Tammy said that they donate their time in the concession stand when their kids are playing in a tournament. Morgan asked if we could use them for other tournaments, Tammy explained that it could be an issue because their kids could be at a different tournament somewhere else, but said she would ask Bridgett.

b. Ice Conditions

- i. Morgan talked about our ice conditions over the past week. The ice had changed texture and bubbles were forming from condensation dripping from the ceiling. The weather changing drastically outside played a big part in that because it got warmer and the humidity was high. Our dehumidifier was not working with the warm temperature. Jim was able to get the dehumidifier going and that helped pull the moisture out of the air. The ice is a lot better now.

c. Conference Room Rentals

- i. Things have been picking up recently after being slower than usual, because of the state mandates. We had the fall scrapbooking event Oct. 27th to Nov. 1st, Nov. 3rd we had the Election, Nov. 5th we had a Road Commission Safety Day, a LMAS Flu Vaccine and Covid-19 Testing Day on Nov. 6th, and Nov. 7th we had an Anniversary Celebration. It has been great to see

things busier again. We are allowed to have up to 60 people in the conference room 200 in the rink.

2. Budget Update

- i. Morgan talked about how numbers are down but our conference rentals made more than was projected for 2020. When the Coast Guard rented the whole facility for that week (in September) it really helped. Morgan also talked about where some money will be spent on a few things for our facility. One of the things she talked about was buying new computers. We are also working on creating a line item for capital improvement. Two items on that list would be resurfacing the parking lot and the tennis courts. Darcy went into more detail about the capital outlay and how he likes to call it a community investment because when we do things like the tennis courts it is investing back into our community. Darcy also talked about how it's good to have money in case something happens in the building and we have to replace. Darcy also mentioned how creative and helpful Jim is when it comes to fixing things and maintaining in our facility.
- ii. Morgan also discussed advertising in the ice rink and mentioned that with the fields behind Little Bear we can have an advertising opportunity on the fences outside.

3. Current Programs and Programs to Start Soon

a. Champion Force & Women's Hour

- i. Champion Force Cheerleading is happening almost every Thursday in the Conference Room. Women's Hour is going on every Monday and Wednesday from 7:30pm-9pm in the Fitness Center.

b. Painting classes

- i. Morgan said that she would be in contact with Missy on trying to figure out when the next couple of times for doing another painting class. Emily asked about the gymnastics that was done before, and Morgan said that she heard mixed reviews and would like to have a couple coaches to help the class be more successful, but wants to bring it back in the spring or summer.

c. Waiting on Aerobics

- i. Morgan talked with Renee about how and when she would like to start the Aerobics class back up. Renee decided that with the holidays it would be better to wait until January. The class will be moved into the Conference Room to help with spacing. When the class starts back up it will be a separate cost from a regular membership in the Fitness Center.
- ii. Tammy asked about if we would be doing Fab Fridays again. Morgan said that she'd like to but needs to, but is concerned about large groups all skating at once and if we can serve pizza due to the recent concession regulations.

7. Public Comment

8. **Next Meeting Date – January 13, 2020 @ 6:00 pm** (Any excused absences for next meeting?)
9. **Motion to adjourn** by Jimmy, seconded by Tammy, at 7:01 PM.

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