

Symons Recreation Complex Natatorium Board Minutes February 13th, 2023

The Natatorium Board met in person & virtually via Zoom on February 13, 2023 at 6:00 pm. The following people were in attendance: Melony Walters, Marty Brewer, John Cler, Grant Worthington (arrive at 6:45pm), Todd Coppernoll, Michael Compton and Tim Gottschall (6:30pm-6:50pm). Tracy Gobin was also present.

1. Call to Order- Walters called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.
2. Proof of Notification- Proof of Notification was met, per Gobin.
3. Approve Agenda- *Marty Brewer made a motion to approve the agenda. Todd Coppernoll seconded. The motion carried.*

Consent Items:

4. Approve Minutes
5. Approve Bills for February 2023

John Cler made a motion to approve the consent items: Approve minutes from December 12, 2022 meeting & bills for February 2023. John Cler seconded. The motion carried.

Administrative Reports:

6. Budget Overview – Gobin presented the reports for revenue, expenditure, and membership stats reports. Revenue for Symons Recreation Complex (SRC) is still not up to pre-COVID numbers. Revenue fell about \$5000 short of the revenue goal for January 2023. Court fees and Fob Key are the two areas where there was more revenue than budget. Improvement is needed for membership, class fees and special events. Day passes was close to 2019 revenue about \$200.00 difference. Salaries is up compared to 2019, there were raises given in 2022 & 2023. However, both regular and temp staff is under budget. New report was presented that will help track deficiencies more clearly. It will take the math out and show revenue minus expenses to give balance.
7. Directors Report - Gobin was on WRCE morning show to talk about Yeti Snowshoe event, Symons Tri Challenge and Symons in general this was a great program to really promote Symons and memberships. Pool is getting busier getting more creative to get people their time in the pool. SRC just hired three new lifeguards, still not full staff but closest it has been in two years.
8. Advertising Grant – Gobin applied for an advertising grant from Civic Media. It was a one day one million dollar give away. It is for advertising on WRCE – AM side of WRCE. SRC has 30 days to use \$5000.00 – that is about 7 spots a day for a month, Monday through Friday. This will happen either April, May or June.
9. Cleaning Grant – Gobin stated the SRC Maintenance Supervisor is on medical leave and has been since December 7th, 2022. The Assistant Director, Director and part time receptionists, as well as volunteers have been picking up as much slack as possible covering 40 hours of work without spending extra money is impossible. A member saw the Director cleaning and decided to give a grant to the foundation to get the facility back up to the cleanliness that is expected until the Maintenance Supervisor is back to work in March.
10. 2020 Deficiency for Symons Recreation Complex – Questions that were asked what is the committee's responsibility. Brewer gave apologies from Richland County on the late notice given to the City of Richland Center on the 2020 deficiency.
11. 2022 Deficiency for Symons Recreation Complex – Gobin stated last year there were kids that were asking if Symons was closing and if they were going to have a Sharks swim team this year. There are a lot of concerned families and individuals who didn't think that SRC would be open. The negative press really didn't help the 2022 situation of trying to continue to bounce back from COVID. Walters stated that the board needs to do better budgeting for SRC, there is usually a deficiency so 2022 should be the new standard to budget with. Coppernoll stated that there will be a point when the tax payers will scream. Compton stated that when looking at the new monthly balance report you can see when the County of Richland started their hard look at the budget process. Brewer stated ARPA funding helped the county with the deficiency for 2020. Coppernoll asked if there was any left. Gobin stated that her understanding is that all has been accounted for so there no funds available. Board members requested that 2019 be added to the balance report so a comparison of pre-covid would be available.

Action Items:

12. Richland County Referendum Ad Hoc Committee Recommendation – Gobin stated that the County decided to go with a financial plan and the plan included Symons Recreation Complex. Gobin stated that they were successful with using short term borrowing as well as some budget cuts as well.
13. UW-Platteville Collaboration – No action.
14. Symons Recreation Complex – land and future land proposal - No action.

Closing:

15. Future Agenda Items – No items.
16. Schedule Next Meeting- March 13th, 2023 at 6:00pm in person at the UWP-Richland campus and virtually via Zoom.
17. Adjourn—*Todd Coppernoll made a motion to adjourn at 6:57pm. John Cler seconded. The motion carried.*