



Andover YMCA Community Center  
Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, October 21, 2020

In Attendance: Erick Sutherland, Ted Butler, Tracy Strombeck, Don Schmeichel, Tony Howard, and Allison Boes

Absent: Nick Giacomini and Frank Kellogg

Ted Butler called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm

**Agenda Approval**

Amend agenda to move 1) Tour to the end of agenda. Motion by Tracy Strombeck, seconded by Tony Howard to approve agenda as revised. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes approval tabled due to lack of quorum of commission members who were present at August 10, 2020 meeting.

**Construction Update**

Ice was put in the Sports Complex in early September, earlier than usual to ensure maintenance items could be addressed. Youth hockey team tryouts are done, and teams have been formed.

There is an AAU basketball tournament, with approximately 20 teams scheduled to use the facility over MEA and a U14 Tier 1 Hockey Tournament. The new crash space (oversized lobby) near the teen center will be a great addition for the basketball tournament to help with the flow of pedestrian traffic.

Erick has participated in a few “punch list” walk-throughs with RJM which included the roof top. Johnson Controls continues to work on the buildings air pressure and balancing airflow. Due to COVID, the basketball hoops for court #4 were on backorder and are behind schedule in getting installed. They are scheduled to be installed next week.

Erick is working on purchasing turf, there has not been any used turf available for purchase that is worth the investment. Erick will be ordering new turf so it can arrive in January – February. Don asked if there will be turf installed upstairs in the dryland facility. Erick stated only if one of the associations purchases it. The dryland area is currently not being scheduled due to COVID. New turf will be around \$60,000-\$80,000 and will be on a rack system in 15’ rolls. Tracy Strombeck shared with the committee that she has been in contact with MSHSBCA (MN State HS Baseball Coaches Association) to watch for used turf. If anything becomes available, Tracy will contact Erick. Erick stated the Andover Public Works Dept. will assist ACC staff with putting the turf in and out.

Tracy asked if lockers were planned to be installed on the walking track. Erick stated that benches and coat racks have been ordered and they are on their way.

Ted noticed that people are walking in different directions. Erick and staff will add temporary signage. Several signs are being made by ABC sign shop and should be arriving soon including signs that say watch for flying balls/pucks. Don asked about runners and joggers and if they should be taking the inner or outer lap lanes, signage for that would be a good idea too. Erick stated signage will indicate that runners remain on the outside lap lanes.

Walking numbers have increased due to weather. Tracey asked what the air temp was in the Sports Complex, Erick stated around 54 degrees.

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Erick stated the walking track has been free for users throughout October while construction items are being finalized, the elevator is still waiting to be certified. Beginning November 2<sup>nd</sup>, all track users will need to check in, Monday – Friday from 630 am – 430 pm. Ted asked if the ACC was receiving calls regarding the free Andover Passes, staff said they have been. Tony Howard said that the local cable tv station could be used to help spread the word about the free passes. Tracy asked if pickleball numbers were picking up. Erick said a lot of people like to play outdoors during the Summer so as the weather turns, the ACC will see an increased number of people coming indoors to play. Tracy asked if the majority of the pickleball players were resident or non-residents. Erick stated, most pickleball players are non-resident.

Tracy suggested that a “Giving Tree” be placed out in the Andover YMCA Community Center lobby to help families in need. Allison Boes indicated the YMCA does a “Giving Tree” each year and she would be happy to place it in the main hallway so that the entire community can join in on the program. Tracy is very interested in assisting Allison with the tree. Both Tracy and Don indicated they have extra artificial Christmas trees that can be donated if needed. Allison and Tracy will connect and discuss how to move forward.

### **2020 – 2021 Winter Season Update**

Erick shared that the state high school league has reduced the number of high school games for the 2020-2021 hockey season from 25 to 18. Games will be held Mid November – Mid March. Youth hockey will have an automated schedule this year. There is talk that changes will be coming in the weeks ahead that may affect Fall sports again.

Tony Howard mentioned the use of the Sports Complex for the Home Show if additional space is needed to spread people out.

### **COVID-19 Update**

Hockey guidelines have been revised and a mobile desk has been placed in the hallway for staff to welcome individuals to the facility. Facility users are asked not to enter the building until 15 minutes prior to their scheduled event/activity. The YMCA and ACC continue to work together in making sure everyone walking through the common areas and hallway are wearing masks. Extra masks are available at the information desk. Commission members asked if masks are required on the walking track. Following the executive order 20-81 users do not need to temporarily wear a mask when participating in indoor physical exercise if social distancing can be maintained.

### **AHYHA Update**

A representative from AHYHA was not present at the meeting to provide an update.

### **YMCA Update**

Early July re-opened with rigid guidelines. Members are slowly coming back, estimated 45%. Some programs are still on hold due to safety guidelines. The Y capacity is 250 people at one time (25% capacity). Staffing has been scaled back and youth sports programs are up and running again. The Y also continues to assist in distance learning programs with about 30 youth participating. The youth center opened last week to welcome kids to come over to the facility after school. Since April, the Y has been distributing food in partnership with Loaves & Fishes and HealthPartners. 100 panned meals, which serve 4-5) and 80 bag lunches are handed out each weekday. They Y also continues to provide childcare for essential workers. Thousands of calls continue to be made to senior members, checking in and making sure they are ok. Many seniors do not feel comfortable coming back. The Y also continues to clean and work with the MDH and work with the risk team at the association level in tracking any COVID-19 cases that arise.

### **ACC Update**

Fall programs are underway. Soccer saw about a 50% decrease in registrations, with Learn to Skate registrations exceeding last Fall registration numbers. Open Skate sessions have been added in on weeknights and have been extremely popular. Staff is in the process of moving the Pro Shop to the new location which is in between the ice arena and sports complex.

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Ice rentals are booked as they have been in the past. Staff has seen a decrease in the adult groups due to COVID-19. If the association needs to turn back a few hours, there will be no charge, if it ends up being a half of season, then ice will need to be resold to different user groups. The Community Center and youth hockey association are currently working on a plan on how to handle unused ice due to Covid concerns.

Tony Howard asked how many hours were secured by the youth hockey association this year at the Super Rink. Erick stated that it was a couple hundred. Super Rink will need a 12-month notice to pull out of the agreement which has 3 years remaining before it would expire. If AHYHA was interested in continuing the agreement they would need to cover the initial deposit as the City would pull their money out.

Erick asked the commission members to review the Andover Community Center Prioritization of Use for Facilities handout that was included in the packet. Erick will be adding in a section for the new Sports Complex Turf. He asked commission members to review the document and to send revisions to his attention.

### **Commission Input**

Tracy would like share facility usage reports, the list of customers utilizing the ACC and fees collected on a yearly basis with the Andover Parks Commission. Erick would be glad to visit with the parks commission on an annual basis, perhaps in the Spring to provide an update to the parks commission. Erick felt it would be helpful if the parks commission members were looking for anything specific to let him know ahead of time so he could bring information to the meeting. Tracy and Erick will work together in scheduling a specific date for Erick to attend.

Ted asked if non-resident Y members were upset about paying for the walking track, staff did indicate that they have had several individuals upset.

Next meeting will be scheduled for December, which will be the Holiday Dinner meeting. Instead of going out to a restaurant, food will be ordered in.

Due to time constraints, the commission proposed removing the tour from the meeting agenda. Amend agenda to remove Tour at the end of the agenda. Motion by Tracy Strombeck, seconded by Don Schmeichel to approve final agenda as revised. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm

Submitted by,

Cindy Ramseier