

MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2015 WATTS ADVISORY GROUP MEETING
GLENCOE PARK DISTRICT
WATTS ICE CENTER, 305 RANDOLPH STREET, GLENCOE, ILLINOIS 60022

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. Roll was called. Members present: Commissioner Hilary Lee, Commissioner Steve Gaines, Commissioner Seth Palatnik, Steve Norhad, Jack Weinberg, Dudley Onderdonk; Staff present: David Johnson, Watts and Beach Facility Manager; Dave Figgins, Director of Recreation and Facilities; Absent: Michael Glass, Patty Talbot

Introductions: Director Figgins stated that resident Lou Harrison was interested in joining the Group and could not attend tonight's meeting. Director Figgins also stated the need for additional figure skating interests amongst the Group.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes of the September 9, 2014 Watts Advisory Group Meeting was approved by unanimous voice vote.

2014-2015 Watts Ice Center Report: The 2014-2015 Watts Ice Center Report was presented. Suggestions were made to enhance the after school open skate with theme days and review some past activities. The need to review our competition and demographics of 1st – 6th graders in Glencoe was recommended. A mom's hockey league or class and promoting Watts to preschool parents were also discussed.

Recommendations implemented for 2014-2015 season: A list of recommendations from the Watts Advisory Group that were implemented this past season was presented including Open Shoot offered on Saturday afternoons on the Studio Rink with different times for various age groups, the assigning of locker rooms was improved and conflicts did not arise, and the non-resident rates for the main rink rental was adjusted to \$265 per hour and for greater than 25 hours to \$225.

2014-2015 Survey Results: The 2014-2015 Survey Results were presented.

Watts Classic: The background of the Watts Classic was presented as well as current challenges with conducting the event. The Group agreed to its elimination and recommended an adult 3 on 3 tournament, a youth skills clinic with a tournament at the end, or a cross town pond program with the Winnetka Park District. Staff recommendation of a hockey clinic was also well received.

Concession Operation: Background of the Watts Concession Operation was presented. Challenges were recognized from the Group with the Concession Operation. Suggestions were to offer a limited menu, consistent hours, offer the service when there is captured audience within the facility, and continue to reach out for a vendor to operate.

Other

No other items were discussed.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m. by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Figgins
Director of Recreation and Facilities