

## Building and Facilities Minutes of Meeting 4/10/24

Present: Charlie Atwood, Jon Valsangiacomo, Rick Dente, Art Dessureau, Paula Dolon, Rikk Taft, Jim McWilliam and Brent Gagne

Absent: Sue Higby and Burnie Allen

Guest: Nicholas Storellicastro, City Manager

Approval of Minutes from March meeting. Paula made a motion to accept; seconded by Rikk.

Rikk Taft has been named Interim Facilities Manager, following Jeff Bergeron's retirement. Rikk Taft requested a punch list for facility maintenance which will be provided by Charlie. He believes this will be helpful for the staff to be aware of projects needing completion when other duties are fulfilled. Rikk mentioned that staff will be cross-training, i.e., running the Zamboni, plowing, maintenance, etc.

New turf: online booking is available which is filling up fast - working out the bugs. Nicholas stated that if there is times where there is nothing scheduled for the turf, there will be opportunities to have "open turf" for the public to use.

A new divided net has been purchased to divide the turf into two sections for multiple uses. New goals were purchased for lacrosse; batting cages are set up for rentals.

Review Barre Civic Center operating revenue and expenses. Operating expenses continue to be greater than revenue for facilities. Rental prices and number of rentals need to increase.

City Manager.

The Committee had concerns with Jeff and Stephanie's retirements. Nicholas stated that Rikk Taft would step in to perform their duties until replacements were found. Also Joel Carmineti has taken on more responsibility at the Civic Center.

Bernie Sanders Earmark Money. Nicholas stated the grant application for the match of the Earmark Money has been submitted. If the grant is not approved, the City will apply for a USDA low interest loan.

Jim McWilliam.

Southpaw bought the last space available in the BOR and now both buildings are 100% full regarding advertising sales. Jim asked the Committee if he could become a member of the Chamber of Commerce which is \$197 for one year. The Chamber could have a mixer on the new turf and have kids and families attend to show off the new turf to get the community involved. Motion made to join the Chamber by Jon; seconded by Paula. Approved.

Jim stated that he might like to have a indoor soccer tournament to help promote the turf.

Motion to adjourn by Jon; seconded by Rick.