



Parks & Recreation Committee - Board of Representatives

Dennis Mahoney, Chair

Raven Matherne, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2021
Time: 7:00pm
Place: This meeting was held remotely

The Parks & Recreation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Mahoney, Vice Chair Matherne and Committee Member Reps. Aquila, de la Cruz, Giordano, Policar, and Wallace. Excused was Rep. Pratt. Absent was Rep. Saftic. Also present was Laurie Albano, Recreation Superintendent; Ken Smith, TCR Manager; Mark McGrath, Director of Operations; Laura Burwick, Mayor's Office; Mike Bagley, SoundWaters, Pete Rader, Project Manager, JLL; and one member of the public.

Chair Mahoney called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
¹ PR30.060	REVIEW; Update by SoundWaters on New Building. 10/28/20 – Submitted by Mark McGrath 12/14/20 – Moved to Pending	Report Made

Mr. McGrath, Mr. Bagley and Mr. Rader gave an update on this item and there was discussion.

- The project has been moving along efficiently and smoothly. Things are coming together regarding utilities, logistics and planning.
- SoundWaters and the City have partnered well together.
- Pete Rader from Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL) has been hired as the Project Manager.
- The EPB application was accepted on November 18, 2020.
- The project is scheduled for ground breaking in April of this year, with an anticipated substantial completion in the winter of 2022.
- Funds have been raised in a capital campaign of private donations, including one large private benefactor.
- A \$2M grant was received from the State Dept. of Education.
- Since the grant contains bidding requirements, and there are complexities within the park, it was decided to hire a construction manager. The bid packages will be distributed in the next few months.

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- Some dredging needs to be done that was not anticipated in the original budget.
- Whether this is a full or partial prevailing wage project will depend on clarification received from the State Dept. of Labor.

- ²2. [PR30.059](#) REVIEW; Detailed Financial Analysis of the Operating and Capital Expenses of Terry Conners Rink. **Report Made**
- 10/08/20 – Submitted by Reps. Sherwood and Mahoney
 10/20/20 – Report Made & Held by Committee
 11/17/20 – Report Made & Held 6-0-0
 12/14/20 – Moved to Pending

Chair Mahoney explained there are four subtopics to be addressed:

- 1) How operations fared with the fees for out of town teams.
- 2) The construction item of ammonia leaking.
- 3) The capital RFPs.
- 4) A potential consultant to assist the rink on operations.

Ms. Burwick and Mr. Smith reviewed these items and there was discussion.

- On November 22nd the rink was shut down after the Governor ordered capacity restrictions. Therefore TCR has not seen any impact on the out of town rate increases.
- Between July 20th and November 22nd the rink generated \$450K in revenue, which is very good for any time period, regardless of COVID issues.
- During the shutdown, it was noticed that ammonia was weeping from the compressors. Seven valves have been replaced and brought up to code. The valves should last at least five to six years. The cost was \$20K.
- The ice has been quickly brought up to speed and TCR will reopen on January 20, 2021.
- Last week six vendors showed up for walk-thru for capital projects that are going out to bid: an ammonia detection system, a ventilation system, a new compressor, and a control panel, Today there was a fire system walk-thru with a designer to review everything that will be needed for that system.
- The compressor project will require shutting down the ice, so this will be done during a slow usage time.
- The control panel system will be connected to Mr. Smith's phone so he will be aware of what is going on at all times.
- Construction bids will open on February 4th, 2021 for capital projects. Once these projects are awarded, Ms. Burwick will forward the summary to the BOR.
- Ms. Burwick will check with the Engineering Dept. to find out what can be done to minimize energy consumption of the rink. She will get back to the BOR with the findings.
- A consultant is being hired to look at TCR to make suggestions and recommendations on operating more efficiently to prevent costly rate increases. Thomas Madden and David Mannis are managing this. The cost of the report

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will be \$5K. Ms. Burwick will share the purchasing order to the BOR to provide the scope of the report. She will also forward the report when complete.

Chair Mahoney adjourned the meeting at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Mahoney, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).