

Town of East Haven, CT
Recreation & Athletic Complex Special Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2022
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Members Present:

Chairman Pat Paulson
Vice-Chair Sue Crisafi
Commissioner Christine Ucich
Commissioner Ann Corris

Staff Present:

Liz Franco-Spano, Director
Town Atty. Michael Luzzi

Public Present:

Amy Derbacher
Chris Perdo

Chairman Paulson called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. Roll was called, and a quorum was present. All those present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #1 -To discuss and take possible action regarding the admission rate for public skating and the cost of skate rental.

Director Liz Franco-Spano called around to other rinks to get a comparison of what other rinks charge for skating and skate rentals. She suggested a rate of \$10 for admission and \$5 for skate rental. Public skate is for an hour and a half on Friday's and Sunday's. There will be no cash accepted at the facility. Credit/Debit cards and Venmo will be accepted on a handheld device like they have been at the beach for parking. She will get stamps that change weekly so they cannot be used more than once. Commissioner Murray asked about skate guards, to which Director Franco-Spano stated there will be people in the facility and on the ice watching out for residents. Attorney Luzzi state that he requested police patrol at the facility, and we have some officers who are former players so they will stop in when they can to make sure things are running well. There will also be employees at the entry doors.

MOTION was made by Vice-Chair Crisafi to set the admission and skate rentals as requested by the Director and Commissioner Corris seconded. All were in favor; none were opposed and none abstained. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item #2 -To discuss and take possible action regarding rental rates for parties.

Again, Director Franco-Spano reached out to area rinks to do research on what they charge for parties. She suggested \$225 for a 2-hour birthday party for up to 15 people, and a fee of \$10 for each additional skater. That price does include skate rental. That price is on the low/average side compared to some other rinks. For parties, as of right now because there is no concession stand open, they are allowed to bring their own food in, but once the concession stand opens, we will revisit this policy. There will be one employee in addition to the rink manager there at all times during the parties. Commissioner Corris made a

MOTION to set birthday party rates as suggested by the Director. Commissioner Murray seconded. All were in favor; none were opposed and none abstained. **MOTION CARRIED**

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Item #3-To discuss and take possible action regarding rental rates for fundraisers

Director Franco-Spano asked to table this item so she could do some more research and obtain more information regarding different types of rentals and rates before bringing this to the commission for a vote. Vice-Chair Crisafi made a **MOTION** to table this item on the agenda. Commissioner Murray seconded. All were in favor; none were opposed and none abstained. **MOTION TABLED**

There being no further business to come before the commission, a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Corris and seconded by Vice-Chair Crisafi at 7:30 pm. All were in favor; none were opposed, and none abstained. **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda S. LaLuna

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