

BOPARC Special Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2020 10:00am

Meeting was called to order by President Hathaway at 10:06am.

Board members present included President Patrick Hathaway, VP Jenny Selin, Rick Landenberger, Susan Klingensmith, and Danielle Trumble. Also present were Executive Director Melissa Wiles, Assistant Director Marissa Travinski, City Attorney Ryan Simonton, and Ex Officio Treasurer Jim Goff.

Minutes: Director Wiles gave a synopsis of the meeting of the subcommittee tasked with determining feasibility of opening the ice arena for the 2020-2021 season. It was explained that the subcommittee recommended moving forward with the opening of the ice arena as early as possible with user group contracts (including risk sharing contracts) in place.

Rick Landenberger asked if we had been in contact with all stakeholders. Assistant Director Travinski explained her conversations with WVU Hockey and explained that they were in agreement with sharing of risk and intended to begin using ice as soon as possible. Director Wiles also said that she had been in contact with representatives of Mason Dixon Figure Skating Club.

Director Wiles explained that strategic scheduling would be very important this year with employee and expenditure concerns caused by COVID-19. Jenny Selin explained that the idea of ice scheduling and contracts was already in the works from previous years and had nothing to do with the pandemic.

City Attorney Simonton explained details of the current draft of the contract sent to stakeholders. He also said that he had been contacted with some wording issues by representatives of MHA but that he had not yet spoken with them in detail. City Attorney Simonton stated that he would continue contract negotiations.

Danielle Trumble asked for rules to be suspended to allow for a representative from MHA to speak about the contract and the governor's guidelines. Ryan Wilson spoke about contract specifics and stated that their board would continue working with City Attorney Ryan Simonton to work out those issues.

Executive Director Wiles and the board discussed that concerns about the rink were twofold: first in contracts with user groups, and second with public health. Issues with school/ sport closures, rink safety protocols, community spread of COVID-19, and BOPARC's ability to provide public programming were brought up. The board also talked about the financial impact of opening vs. closing.

President Hathaway had to sign off (11:04am) so VP Selin called for a vote. Danielle Trumble made the motion to move forward with contract negotiations with our stakeholders with the intent to open the ice rink as soon as possible. Rick Landenberger seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous 4-0 vote. Danielle Trumble explained that the opening timeline would likely be moved past September 1st depending on the length of negotiations. She also asked that Executive Director Wiles keep the board informed of progress.

Danielle Trumble moved to adjourn at 11:10am.

approved
by
C. Simonton via
Zoom (me)
9-9-20