

## Recreation Department Directors Report- February 23, 2021

The monthly Director's report is designed to update you on the activities the Recreation Department is working on.

1. High Risk Sports: As you are aware, New York State announced "Effective February 1, 2021, participants in higher risk sports and recreation activities...may partake in other types of play, including competitions and tournaments, only as permitted by the respective local health authorities (i.e., county health departments)..." Saratoga County has approved high risk sports as well, with additional guidance. This has been met with great relief from many of our facility users at the ice rink and rec center. At this time though, we are still not hosting tournaments at the Recreation Center. I have set up a meeting with our COVID on Monday, February 22 at 1pm to discuss if and how we should open for tournaments.
2. Outdoor Skating: I wasn't able to connect with DPW on opening an outdoor Rink.
3. Rec Center Open Gym: Following the same guidelines as public skating we reopened for open gym on February 17<sup>th</sup>. We plan to open for adult basketball in March.
4. Programs: We continue to work the COVID team to reopen programs. Below are our current/planned programs.
  - Spring Sessions
    - a. Volleyball (8-15yrs old)
    - b. Intro to Ice skating (3-99+)
    - c. Open Pickleball and Pickleball League-Ig ends 3/7 (Adults)
    - d. Racquetball Drop in rental
    - e. Open Figure
    - f. Open Public Skating, Family Skate, Open Stick, Family Stick (All Ages) (reservation required)
    - g. Open Adult Hockey and Open Adult Basketball starting in March
    - h. Open Gym (All Ages) (reservations required)
    - i. Little and Big Kickers (3-5yr olds and K)
    - j. Soccer League (1-12<sup>th</sup> grade)
    - k. Adult Soccer (Adults)
    - l. Tee Ball (3-5yr olds) and Jr Sluggers (K-3<sup>rd</sup>)
    - m. Intro to Ice skating (3-99+)
    - n. Working on Pickleball League Outdoors
    - o. Bowling
  - Summer Sessions
    - p. Summer Clinics- baseball, softball, field hockey, basketball, soccer, running, skateboarding, volleyball and tennis. We will wait on boxing until probably the fall. I am still working on developing pickleball for kids.
    - q. Summer Camp at Rec Center, East Side, and Veterans Memorial Park
    - r. All open sessions at ice rink and rec center
    - s. Intro to ice skating
5. Community Pass Software- In January of 2020 we implemented the new recreation software including online registration. The online registration has been tremendous and the public is really enjoying it. However, we have found the administrative portion extremely difficult and in some cases not functional. Throughout the year I did discuss these concerns with the company but little changed. Last week, I met with the company to elevate these concerns and put them on notice that without significant change by end of 2021 we will need to end our contract. The concerns are mostly related to facility reservations, billing, and reporting. The program side of the software seems to work well.