

Minutes: Buildings and Facilities Committee

(former Civic Center Committee)

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2023

Alumni Hall, First Floor

Attendees: Charlie Atwood; Burnie Allen; Jon Valsangiacomo; Rick Dente; Art Dessureau; Brent Gagne; Sue Higby

Absent: Brent Gagne; Paula Dolan

Others in Attendance: Jeff Bergeron; Jim McWilliams; Paul Hutchins, Mike Hulbert and another Representative from BYSA

Minutes for the November 8, 2023, meeting prepared by Sue Higby

The meeting was called to order at 8:02AM.

1. Minutes for the October 11, 2023 meeting were reviewed. The minutes were approved; Higby suggested adding the attendance of Committee members to the minutes prepared by Burnie Allen.
2. Indoor Turf Field Discussion
Committee members discussed with BYSA members the various hourly rates charged for use of indoor turf fields around the state. Other benefits of the indoor turf field were discussed, including: protection against concussions; protection of playing fields against early season damage that requires extensive repairs; providing an added playing field for a variety of sports and creating a year-round facility. The indoor turf field has an approximate 15-year life span and individual panels may be replaced. The BYSA representatives repeated an opportunity that exists if the turf field is purchased by December 31, 2023: We could purchase a slightly used turf field (used for an event in Montreal) and receive a \$20,000 reduction in price. The group discussed the average use by BYSA: Approximately 400 hours. The group discussed that a plaque would be mounted at the BOR, recognizing Ron York for providing significant support (\$75,000) to the facility's proposed turf enhancement.
3. Valsangiacomo made the following motion; Dessureau seconded the motion and there was unanimous support from the Committee:

The Committee recommends a 2-tier hourly pricing system for indoor turf field use: The full rate is \$110 per hour; the rate for BYSA is \$55 per hour.

4. Valsangiacomo made the following motion; Dessureau second the motion and there was unanimous support from the Committee:

Revenues generated from use of the turf at the BOR would be allocated as follows: 25% would be reserved for field replacement, rolled back into the Facilities Improvement Fund; 10% would be used for supplies and various storage issues; and 65% would go to the General Fund of Barre City.

5. Higby made the following motion; Dessureau seconded the motion and there was unanimous support from the Committee:

The Committee recommends that the following amount be spent from the Facilities Improvement Fund: \$30,000 for the indoor turf; \$6,000 for a storage unit for the turf; and \$10,000 for the installation of a center curtain system.

6. Staff Reports:

Jeff Bergeron was unable to attend the meeting; no written report was submitted.

Jim McWilliams provided a brief report about the Sponsor Appreciation Event scheduled for Thurs., November 16 at the AUD. He reported 22 respondents had said they will attend to date. The event will involve refreshments and several door prizes, such as tickets to sports events, a basket of VT items from the AR Market, a lunch cruise on Woodbury Lake, and art/membership from SPA. In addition, the group discussed having information about the NU Senior Project (Sue will do this) and the turf project (Jim will look into this.)

7. Dente made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30AM and the motion carried.