

Archived Greenway Joint Recreation Association Business 2016-2017

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June 19, 2017

Activities

On June 9, Greenway Hockey Alumni had a game at the arena and fundraiser for the highschool program. The first week with summer ice was rented to Camp Hiawatha for a hockey camp

<http://www.vlmcamps.org/hockey-camp>.

Greenway Hockey School and Emerald Ice Figure Skating lessons started June 12 and will be in session until June 30.

All ball programs are being implemented as planned.

Capital Improvements

The roof installations at the ball fields, and the roof repairs on the arena are in process.

Association Membership

Attorney Brian Bengtson is working on adding City of Grand Rapids to the joint powers agreement. No agreement has been made at this time.

May 15, 2017

Hodgins-Berardo Arena

These upgrades and repairs have been approved:

- Acquire an emission-free zamboni and an emission-free ice edger; minus a trade-in and grant monies the cost will be approximately \$12,000.
- Pay for the delivery and installation of the new hockey scoreboards (donated by Southeast Directional Drilling) and also the protective netting, for approximately \$5,000 [task date: September].
- Install the donated infrared heaters on one side of the arena's seating area; assess for improvement before expanding the project to the other side.
- Re-build both brine-pump motors for the compressors. The two compressors are used alternately for making ice, they are both the same age, last season one motor quit.
- Repair roof on flat side that leaks during heavy snow loads; approximate cost \$8500. Thereafter it is anticipated the roof's lifespan at 10 years.
- Remodel for a high-school coach office/locker room located near the players' locker room to increase accessibility and supervision.

Other projects, such as expanding the rink's walkway, and replacing some wood exterior, have been postponed to another year.

GJRA Finances

- Profit was \$1011 from hosting the Jose Cole Circus.
- Budget request from Itasca Ski and Outing Club increased by \$2500.
- Loss of approximately \$15,000 from City of Grand Rapids' withdrawal from GJRA will result in increased taxes for the remaining district. Strategies for reversing the withdrawal are in process.

Activities

Scheduling for the ball programs is in process. Sign-ups were 53/T-ball, 54/Squirts, 45/Little Raiders. There will be four Little Raider teams.

New page on this site: [The Spring of 1978](#)

April 17, 2017

Activities

- Jose Cole Circus scheduled for April 24th.
- Registration of summer ball programs in process.

Greenway Sports Complex

- Roofs will be installed this spring on the four dugouts for the Jen Guyer field and the Windorski field.
- Other improvements in process are: quotes for a batting cage, grant for round picnic tables, automatic monitor for the irrigation system, and field signage.

Hodgins-Berardo Arena

- More quotes are necessary for the project to upgrade the in-rink gas heaters (see last month).
 - This summer, the rink's walkway will be extended to the west side.
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New pages on this site:

- [Baseball: T-Ball, Squirts, Little Leagues, and Junior Leagues](#)
- [Fastpitch: 10U, 12U, 14U, 16/18 U Teams](#)

March 20, 2017

The Bantam A State Tournament Begins Friday, March 17, in Marshall, Minnesota. Update: Congrats as 3rd Place Champs!



2017 Regional Champions

Week of March 20: The ice is out and the nets go up for Greenway High School baseball and fastpitch indoor practice.

 Greenway Emerald Ice Figure Skating Club Annual Show, Welcome to Candyland!, was a success!
The club's end-of-the-season banquet is on APRIL 2, Sunday, 2 pm at Bovey Village Hall.



PROGRAMS

Basketball: Jeff Hansen was the new coordinator this year and did a good job keeping parents informed via facebook, and learning what his job entailed. Practices and games are continuing through March with the upper-grade girls participating the most.

Ice Figure Skating: Emerald Ice Figure Skating Club's board managed their annual show successfully on March 4th and 5th. The board, coaches, and parents were well organized and the skaters put on good performances.

Hockey: The pinnacle of the season was the Greenway Regional Champions Bantam A team playing at Marshall, Minnesota for the state championships. They took third place!

FACILITIES

Greenway Sports Complex: The annual ice fishing contest held last January profited \$7,461.17. Kudos to Kim Venema for organizing that event/fundraiser. Discussions have begun with the fastpitch boosters for co-funding dugouts for two of the fields. Electricity is in and the new scoreboards will be functional this upcoming ball season.

Hodgins-Berardo Arena: [Southeast Directional Drilling](#) is a new sponsor and is paying for new scoreboards! A needs assessment of the building, with a plan to propose for next year's budget, are in process. Probable projects are upgrades to the in-rink heating elements that serve the game audience, and some exterior wood replacements.

February 27, 2017 - no business report.

New page on this site: [James "Chick" Berardo 1923-1969](#)

January 23, 2017

IMPROVEMENTS

Nashwauk ice rink: Approved Letter of Support to City of Nashwauk for grant applications to pay for artificial ice and rink renovations. Currently practice for mini-mites, mites, and squirts (dependent on the rink in Nashwauk) was cancelled due to warm weather.

Mount Itasca Groomer: Adopted resolution to supplement grant application by Itasca Ski & Outing Club to replace equipment. In summary, "the Pisten Bully has been grooming the most heavily used trail system in Itasca County and alpine and ski jumping hills for over 16 years and must be replaced by December 1, 2017." GJRA's final \$5,000 pledge to the club was paid, and goes toward the required matching funds for the grant.

Hockey scoreboards: Pricing and sponsorship for new scoreboards are in process. Contact Pat if sponsorship and name recognition is desired for your organization or business; monthly payments can be arranged.

PROGRAMS



L-R: Cloquet Amateur Hockey Association Bantam A Tournament Champions; Ice Box Classic in International Falls Squirts Tournament First Place; also, same tournament Second Place; Greenway Bantam B Tournament 3rd Place; Proctor Hockey Squirts B2 Tournament Champions.



Northwoods Basketball Tournaments Girls 5th Grade Second Place, 1/21/2017.

December 19, 2016

The Board confirmed routine business and was assured that youth sports programs were running smoothly; a thank you was received from the ski jumping group for GJRA's support.

November 21, 2016

New page on this site: [Basketball](#)

REVENUE

- Sold the aforementioned truck/plow at the highest bid of \$4,000.
- Gained \$63,000 from a Mighty Duck grant for an electric zamboni; see "air quality improvements" described in July at the bottom of the page.
- Spearheaded a 'Greenway Endowment Fund' with the assistance of Chris Fulton and Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation; recruitment of more Greenway area participants and a future meeting are in process.

New pages on this site:

- [Memorials and Our History](#)
- [Jimmy Hodgins 1910 - 1943](#)

October 17, 2016

SPORTS Flag Football champions are the Vikings! winning in overtime to the Cardinals. Hockey and Figure Skating registrations were conducted and practice has begun for hockey, and will begin on the 30th for figure skaters.

ARENA Damage caused by a car crash into the building has been restored and paid for by the driver's insurance [the driving error was medical related]. The new hot water system has been installed, and the boiler switched out for the snow melt pit.

TRUCK BIDS For sale: 1993 Chevy, 5.7 liter motor, 3/4 ton four-wheel drive pickup with Hiniker plow, 14,682 miles; inquire with Pat or Rock.

SPONSORSHIP \$5,000 was given to Itasca Ski and Outing Club as budgeted. Financial procedures were agreed upon between Itasca Synchronized Swimming and GJRA, their fiscal agent.

PLAN-OF-WORK Arena maintenance and the finances have proceeded as planned.

September 19, 2016

ARENA: Awarded the hot water system to the lowest responsible bidder: True North Heating & Cooling. The boiler for the new system (gas) is an upgrade and will have 97% efficiency.

SPORTS COMPLEX: Approved purchasing a 4-wheeler to be raffled off during the annual ice fishing contest held during the last Saturday of January on trout lake, i.e. 1500 tickets @ \$10.00 each. **UPDATE:** See it at the arena; see photos [HERE](#).

FLAG FOOTBALL: Received report that the program has 42 players, 14 in each of the three grade levels.

BASKETBALL: A search is out for a new program coordinator.

New pages on this site:

- [Flag Football](#)
- [Ice Figure Skating](#)
- [Hockey](#)

Greenway Sports Complex - September, 2016: The 2 new scoreboards are installed, and the grass around the concession building has a good start.





August 15, 2016

New Info on this site: Rates for advertising on the dashboards that line the rink have been posted. [See the Arena page.](#)

Board Officers: Re-elected incumbent board officers.

Budget:

- Confirmed 2016-2017 budget of \$430,950.
- Budgeted contributions were increased: \$2500 to Pengilly VFW Post 8831 for baseball league, boys ages 15-16; \$2500 to American Legion Whittey Bennett Post 301 (Taconite) for baseball league, boys ages 16-18; and \$10,000 to Mount Itasca.
- Budgeted building improvements are 1) replacing the arena's hot water heater, and 2) updating to an efficient boiler to heat the "snow melt pit" (see photo).

Facilities: Maintenance is on track at the arena and the sports complex.



Photo: This is the snow melt pit in the arena. The zamboni backs up and dumps the snow it swept up into this pit. It has coils of heated glycol on the bottom that melt the snow and then the melted snow drains out. Installation of a more efficient boiler to heat the glycol is in process.

July 2016

GREENWAY SPORTS COMPLEX:

Scoreboards: A grant was received from the Beefy Lawson Memorial Fund for scoreboards for both the Windorski Memorial Field and the Jen Guyer Field. The installation is in process-- trenching required for the electrical hookup will be done after the season is over. Thanks to the Fastpitch Boosters Club for grantwriting.

Concessions: Food service from the north end of the new garage has been successful this baseball season; thanks to GJRA employees Barb Gibeau and Barb Johnson. Volunteer workers from the [Lawrence Lake Ball Field Supporters](#) (facebook link) will close out the season and benefit from the proceeds.

Grounds Development: This summer the restrooms, water, and electricity were installed in the garage. During the next months a concrete sidewalk will be poured around the garage and a lawn surrounding the building will be established.

Youth Baseball Programs: Thanks to the players, parents, and coaches for a good, competitive season. Thanks to Kevin Odden for keeping everyone informed via facebook ([Greenway Youth Baseball](#)).

HODGINS-BERARDO ARENA

Air Quality Improvements: A Might Ducks grant application for an *electric* zamboni and an *electric* ice edger [if granted] will eliminate the mandate to test air quality in the arena 2Xs weekly. The Mighty Duck grant is a one-to-one matching grant. GJRA annually budgets in a zamboni investment fund (value approximately \$37,000) and with a trade-in GJRA will be able to afford the upgrades.

The Mighty Duck Program is an act of Minnesota legislation which began with the Ice Arena Task Force in 1994. Learn more about it [HERE](#). The application is due October 3.