

2017-2018 ARCHIVED GJRA BUSINESS

June 18, 2018



Summer Programs

Baseball, Fastpitch, Squirts, and T-ball all have good attendance. Hockey Camp had 149 participants, and Ice Figure Skating School also had good numbers.

Iron Range Baseball League Standings (6/25)

Greenway 1 4-1

Greenway 2 3-3

Thank You!

To These Sponsors For Funding

New Ceiling Heaters

on the east side of

Hodgins-Berardo Arena

Dan Strand

JR's Market & Liquor

Mackley's Auto Repair

John Murphy Memorial/Hibbing Chrysler

Range Bottle Gas Company

Dan Guyer

Greenway Sports Complex

Batting cage is operational; ag-lime was applied to base.

Water line was dug to site of new "pumphouse"

Hodgins-Berardo Arena

Permission was granted to representatives of the Beefy Lawson Memorial Fund to install in the lobby an informative shadowbox display about the fund.

Replaced 30 folding chairs in the meeting area.

Preparations are ready to install new overhead heaters on the eastside of the arena. Thanks go to Dan Strand who spearheaded the project.

Grant/funding inquiries are in process to replace the wood floor boards with concrete on the upper eastside of the arena.

\$15,000 from the MN HighSchool Hockey League will fund larger viewing windows, a better sound system, and other improvements within limits.

New webpage: [Jen Guyer Field Sponsors](#)

May 21, 2018

Administration

- Created budget committee consisting of Venema, Kessler, Woodman, and Guyer.
- Switched from Arrowhead Pro-Care health insurance to NE Service Co-op—at least through 2018.
- Prepared for resignation of the treasurer; election and appointments in August.

Ball Programs

Registrations were conducted April 24-25. These are the resulting teams:

- 4 teams of T-Ball
- 5 teams of Squirts
- 3 teams of Little Raiders
- 2 teams of Junior Raiders
- 1 team of 10U fastpitch
- 1 team of 12U fastpitch
- 1 team of 18U fastpitch

Little Raiders: Wood Bat Tourney in Deer River June 1-3

Little Raiders: Windorski Tourney at Greenway Sports Complex June 15-17

IMPROVEMENTS



Greenway Sports Complex

- Received Jen Guyer Field sign from Greenway Fastpitch Boosters (early May)
- Welcomed five students on Greenway Day of Caring (May 17) as they painted another coat on the concession building.
- Received batting cage from Greenway Fastpitch Boosters (late May)
- Planning to build--with contributing funds from Greenway Fastpitch Boosters--an 8' x 20' pump house for an irrigation system, with equipment storage for the fastpitch programs. Project completion anticipated in August.
- Coordinating future field maintenance--after irrigation system is installed--with Eagle Ridge Golf Course; involves possible joint purchases, skilled application of grounds keeping chemicals, and donation of labor.

Hodgins Berardo Arena

- Accepted bid with Nielson builders (~\$7,000) to widen the upper walkway on the west side of the rink; the top row will be eliminated but the wider aisle will be much safer and less congested.
- Accepted bid with Iron Range Plumbing & Heating, Inc. (~\$9400) to install infrared heaters from the ceiling on the east side. The installation on the west side was completed the previous year and the consistent heat improved the cooling efficiency of the rink.

April 16, 2018

Spring and Summer Programs

- Signup for ball programs was organized and information distributed;
- Summer ice dates are June 11 - 29

March 19, 2018 - No new business was addressed.

February 19, 2018

Fundraising

- Reviewed treasurer's report and the GJRA budget is on track.
- Assessed annual fishing contest as successful although it is questionable if the raffle for a 4-wheeler will be repeated as tickets were undersold.

Raffle Winners Rianna, Rodney and Nikki Nugent:



- Arranged for the transport of the previous zamboni; a trade-in.
- Anticipate the annual ice figure skating show on March 17 and 18; adult tickets are \$6 for Adults, \$3 for souvenir programs.
- Approved the Fastpitch Booster Club's advertising opportunity to sell banners around the Jen Guyer Field; all funds will go towards field maintenance. [Click to enlarge:](#)

Greenway Recreation Sports Complex Advertising Opportunity Form

Jen Guyer Field outfield advertising banner information:

This is an opportunity to invest in an 8ft by 3 ft. piece of advertising in a key location. These ads will be printed on a high-quality banner and hung on our outfield fence at the Greenway Rec Sports Complex in Bovey; seen by thousands of people during our spring and summer ball seasons. The banners will be stored away carefully during the winter months while the fields aren't in use, then put back up again in the spring. Here are our options for you:

Plan 1:

3-year contract (\$1,100 total investment)

- \$500 payment the first year (this will include the cost to make the banner plus your fee)
- \$300 per year for 2 years

Plan 2:

3-year contract (\$1,100 total investment)

- \$1,100 upfront payment that will cover the 3 year lifetime of your contract

Plan 3:

5-year contract (\$1,600 total investment)

- \$600 payment the first year (this will include the cost to make the banner plus your fee)
- \$250 per year for 4 years

Plan 4

5-year contract (\$1,600 total investment)

- \$1,600 upfront payment will cover the 5 year lifetime of your contract

Management:

- The ice will go out the day after the annual ice figure skating show.
 - All coaches will converge for a serious discussion on dealing with behavior issues with players and/or parents, and new policies will be written that coaches can implement to expedite consequences (versus a hearing process by GJRA).
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January 15, 2018

Improvements:

- Parking lot lighting: MP& L upgraded lighting with LED bulbs.
- Security: Passed and posted policy to regulate unsupervised youth during high school hockey games, communicated strategies with security team, and will have security assistants wear yellow vests.

Safety Policy:

Because of safety issues, the Greenway Joint Recreation Association is asking our patrons to talk to you children about running around the arena and to refrain from going downstairs during our games and practices. This is a restricted area for team members and authorized personnel only. We have had a number of complaints on these issues and felt that it needed to be addressed. We will be monitoring this situation and may lead to the removal of parties not adhering to these policies.

New page on this site: [History of GJRA's Ice Figure Skating Program](#)

December 18, 2017



New Zamboni! It was over a year in the making, but a Zamboni model 552--the leader in electric powered performance--is ready for use in the ice arena. It was purchased by matching a Mighty Ducks grant with invested funds and with a trade-in. The electric vehicle is an improvement for air quality.

More Improvements in process:

- Better lighting in the parking lot - getting quotes;
- Manage unsupervised kids at arena - Police chief will advise at next meeting.

Accountability: An independent audit was conducted by Glorvigen, Theis, Lind & Company for 2016 and 2017. Reports are available at the office.

November 20, 2017

Community input on arena improvements are most welcomed at a time (i.e. September) when the ice is out and taking action is feasible. Note the "typical business calendar" (see left column) for the most effective times to address issues with the Board. Meetings are open and welcoming to the public.

Sports Complex's ball fields will be ready for play in early spring because the ag-lime has already been delivered and spread.

Wheelchair section--an easily accessible area inside the arena--was improved by reducing the height of the wall, adding a railing, and stamping "no standing" so full view by attendees in wheelchairs is not blocked. *(unfortunately, photo is too dark to demonstrate improvement)*



Partner organizations--Greenway Amateur Hockey Association and Itasca Ski and Outing Club--presented updates and concerns to the Board.

Basketball supplies were improved by purchasing new balls and a lockable storage cabinet located in the school.

October 16, 2017

New page on this site: [Arena Floor Plan](#)

New season page update: [2018 Basketball](#)

Maintenance and sports programs are proceeding as planned; handicap accessible improvements will be discussed at the next meeting.

Completed:

New hockey scoreboard installed, and infrared heaters on west side installed. Thanks to Southeast Directional Drilling for donating the board.



The new overhead heaters will give consistent heat to the audience, and ideally be energy savers. They were donated. If they prove to be an improvement, the board will budget to purchase the same for the other side.

September 18, 2017.

Decisions made:

- Purchase agri-lime for fields at the Sports Complex from the ballfield fund.
- Contribute the total amount of \$10,000 to Itasca Ski and Outing Club for Mount Itasca and leave the organization to responsibly distribute the funds with Itasca Ski Jumping Club.
- Waive rental fee for a fundraising event hosted by GAHA--Dueling Pianos--booked for next April.

Other news:

- Flag Football had more teams than last year; 5 teams. Play offs will be week of October 9th.
- The raffle/4-wheeler was showcased at Bovey Farmers' Day and will also be at football games.
- The new arena scoreboard, and new infrared heaters will be installed prior to October.
- Ice goes in October 9th, ready for first night, October 16th.

August 21, 2017

New pages on this site:

- 2017 Flag Football
- 2018 Hockey
- 2018 Figure Skating
- Greenway Joint Powers Agreement 2017

Board Election for the New Fiscal Year

Dwight Kessler of Trout Lake was elected president; Casey Venema was elected vice-president. Tasha Connelly of Grand Rapids will be new on the board representing City of Grand Rapids.

Donation An anonymous donor gave 18 LED lights for the arena's lobby.

Finances

Raffle sales for a 4-wheeler and trailer was approved as a fundraiser to benefit Greenway Sports Complex. The drawing will cap off the annual Greenway Recreational Ice Fishing Tournament held in January. [\[see last year\]](#)

Budget increases for the new year include expenses for the biennial audit and capital outlay savings to counter the arena's depreciation. Saving \$30,000 to 35,000 annually is the intention and hence the 2018 levy will be \$30,000 more.

Activities

- All hockey registration will be conducted online and begins Sept. 1;
- Flag football begins Monday, September 11;
- Figure skating registration begins September 19--Emerald Ice Club has a new website

July 17, 2017

New page on this site: [Sponsors on dashboards around Arena's rink](#)

Capital Improvements



Completed ~

- Roofs were installed on the dugouts for Jen Guyer Field and Phil Windorski Field. \$1,025 was received from the Greenway Fastpitch Booster Club toward the expense.
- Nielson Construction completed, at the arena, a high-school coach office/locker room located near the players' locker room to increase accessibility and supervision.
- Gareri Brothers Roofing completed the patching required on the flat end of the arena. It should last at least 5-7 more years; the board needs a financial plan for replacement costs.

In process ~

- Jim Ohman's Pump Service will start rebuilding the arena's brine pump as Assistant Rock Troumbly pulled the pump in readiness for the project.
- The Mighty Duck grant for the new zamboni was extended from October to December as that is when the arena equipment will be ready.
- Iron Range Plumbing & Heating, Inc. is finalizing the installation plan for infrared heaters on one side of the arena's seating area.

Activities

- Summer Hockey Camp attendance and revenue was more than the previous year.
- Little Raiders and Squirts Tournaments have been scheduled.

Association Membership

City of Grand Rapids reversed the council's motion to withdraw from GJRA; a Joint Powers Agreement has been submitted to the city for their approval.