

**MEMBERS:**

Julie LaRue, Chairman  
Bryan Meck  
Regina Sousa  
Tim Thompson (absent)  
David Allen (absent)

*Also present:* Mark Cain, Recreation Director

The meeting began 6:30 PM.

**MINUTES:**

The February 27, 2024 minutes were tabled due to a lack of a quorum.

**GUEST:**

The Recreation members welcomed their guest Mr. Nicholas McAdam.

Mr. McAdam asked if he could come to tonight meeting to give a presentation on why he feels there is a need for an outdoor inline/street/ice hockey rink. Mr. McAdam discussed the current challenges that area players face due to cost and travel. Many players are unable to participate in skating due to the cost of equipment, ice time, and travel. A rink can be constructed from vinyl material or blacktop.

Mr. McAdams shared what he thought would be opportunities for the town of Farmington not just with area players but would also bring other players/families from other communities. He pointed out that this could be a great partnership between the town, local ice hockey teams and business.

Mr. McAdam said that with the research he has done the cost to build a rink, surround the rink with wood boards would be around \$100k-\$250k.

Ms. LaRue suggested Mr. McAdam look into any potential available grants and Mr Cain suggested he look into getting some sponsorships. Mr. Cain said that Mr. McAdam should speak to Mr. Ron Brand, Farmington Director of Development who may be able to help with grant research. They told Mr. McAdam that the more information he has, the better, which they can present to the Farmington Town Board.

Mr. Cain discussed the current survey regarding park and recreation program services and needs. The survey results will be used to update the 2018 edition of the Town of Farmington parks and recreation master plan.

**SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM;**

Mr. Cain said that staff hiring has been completed. The dates for registration will be May 14, 15, and 16. Ms. LaRue will put the dates on Facebook and Mr. Cain will put on Google classroom

There will be no meeting held in May as they will be having summer recreation registration.

The next meeting will be held on **JUNE 11, 2024 AT 6:30 at Mertensia Lodge.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 so members could attend the Farmington Town Board meeting for the presentation on the results of the recreation community survey 2024.

Mary Richter, Clerk of the Board recorded the minutes.