

Worthington Hockey Association
July 19, 2021
Worthington Hockey Arena

Members Present: Jason Bush, Jenna Feldman, Jason Johnson, Matt Kennedy, Nicole Kremer, Tyler Nienkerk, Josh Platt, Nikki Reiter, Joe Vosburgh, Poncho White

Absent: Deb Olsen, Tina Schlichte

Others Present: None.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Nikki Reiter.

Meeting with City Representative: Nikki & Jason met with Steve Robinson. They reviewed an overview of how local option sales tax works. A copy will be sent to all board members. Money for the Ice Arena was not designated in phase 1 projects by the City Council. The desire was to start with projects/improvements that did not yet exist. On February 22, 2021 City Council approved advancing \$500,000 in local option sales tax proceeds to address immediate building improvement needs at the Worthington Ice Arena. Total funds advanced to date equal \$430,985.45. If there is another need for the arena the Worthington Hockey Association Board should request the funds through the Project Committee (made up from City representatives and Hockey Association members). The City would be in charge of preparing request for quotes for the work to be completed. (If less than \$175,000)

Priorities were discussed.

#1 – Flooring and cooling system.

The desire is to have this replaced before it is an absolute need. This system has failed twice in the last five years but was able to be repaired rather quickly but with many man hours and effort. There is a fear that it may happen mid-season and not be able to be repaired in a timely manner. It was decided to request this as part of the funding of Phase Two.

#2 – Dehumidification, insulation on West & South walls, replace South overhead door.

This is desired to be done ASAP. This will allow for better interior control of humidity especially during warmer weather.

New Arena Manager Sought: Eric Pederson resigned. The board looked at job description & salary. Spoke about benefits along with other seasonal job opportunities. It was decided to list the job opportunity at \$37,500.00 with potential for stipend benefits. 50 hours a week during season and 10 hours per week off season.

Bean Bag Tournament: The upcoming bean bag tournament was discussed. Dibs hours to help Jon-E-1 and concession stand. This is a tournament that is being put on by the Fair Board 1 week after the fair. The Hockey Association will be able to make some money off of the concession stand and food vendor.

Meeting adjourned 8:20.

Respectfully Submitted
Jason M. Johnson
Secretary