

AUGUST 2023 - First meeting of new year.

Finances:

- The main reason for increases is an additional 'high usage' fee for electricity.
- The budget was adopted; the anticipated revenues and expenditures amount is \$532,700.
- The levy requested will be \$360,500.
- All user fees (except the fitness room) will be increased by \$10.
- The lease with IDS 316 was increased by \$5000.

Other Board Business:

- IRRRB approved the \$85,000 grant application (requires matching funds) for replacement of the roof's flat portion that extends over the lobby and back area. The work will begin next spring.
- Lighting for the honor board of past and present Greenway Hockey Division I scholars displayed at the arena will be installed--thanks to a donation by the Gibeau family.
- Discussion about hiring a part-time worker will again be on the agenda next month, and the hiree announced.
- The sign over the entrance doors to the arena remains in process this fall designating the building as a recreation center; working with Eck Designs.

Fall Activities:

- Flag Football will begin Monday, September 11.
- Figure Skating registration at the arena will be on September 20, Wednesday from 4-6 pm. Registration may also be accomplished online via [Greenway Emerald Ice Figure Skating Club](#)
- A VFW dedication to honor Vietnam War veterans will be held at the arena on September 23.
- Hockey registration is completely online via [Greenway Amatuer Hockey Association](#)

SEPTEMBER 2023

Welcome Andy Sertich:

Andy has been hired for the part time position as advertised. He started work immediately with the Flag Football program. [About Andy \(wikipedia\)](#)

Fall Activities

- Flag Football began September 11 and had a competitive season; the Eagles won the championship.
- Figure Skating and Hockey registration have been completed; based on numbers, there will just be one Bantam A Team.
- Boys and girls basketball registration for grade 3 through grade 6 was scheduled for October 4; registration for grade 1 and grade 2 will be November 28. Nick Porter continues to be the basketball contact.
- A VFW dedication to honor Vietnam War veterans--held on September 23 in the arena--was an exceptional event to remember; the arena as the venue was a success.

Work in Process:

The projects noted the previous month, i.e. lighting for the honor board of past and present Greenway Hockey Division I scholars, and the sign over the entrance doors to the arena, are in process.

OCTOBER 2023

Programs:

- Ice is in for hockey and figure skating.
- Hockey has 125 players.
- Basketball players number 10 girls in 3-4th grades; 11 boys in 3-4th grades; 11 girls in 5-6th grades; 11 boys in 5-6th grades.

Purchases:

- Upgraded office laptop.
- New tires for utility truck.

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NOVEMBER 2023

Quick Business Meeting

Upgraded the second compressor; now both are up to speed.

Contributed the budgeted amount to Mount Itasca, i.e. \$10,000.

Re-configured the location and lighting for the Honor Board of Past & Present Greenway Hockey Division I Scholars.

Website Updates:
Revised basketball registration announcement.

Improved dashboard sponsors'



HOLIDAYS ~ December 2023 to January 2024

Interim President:

- Clarissa McIlwain Nelson resigned in January, citing lack of time.
- Brian Eckholm was assigned Interim President.

Arena Updates:

- Changed signage: the sign over the entrance doors, and freestanding signage at parking lot entrance, was changed from 'arena' to 'recreation center'. The name change was recommended to broaden eligibility for grants.
- Installed the Gibeau Honor Sign by the office door, with complementary lighting; project completed.
- Acquired new dasherboard sponsorships: Dondelinger Ford will replace Scenic North Properties, and City of LaPrairie will replace Edgewood Care, Inc.

Arena Projects in Process:

- IRRRB grants are on track for the next award date.

- Security cameras for the hallway, concession stand, and lobby are being explored.
- Improved lighting for the parking lot, in conjunction with MN Power, might be feasible.

Programs:

- Basketball practice for grades 1-2 begins mid January. Players consist of 20 boys and 10 girls. Games start in February.
- Hockey tournaments have been competitive and well attended.
- Ice Figure Skaters passed their skill tests on December 30; more sessions are scheduled for Juniors and Seniors on February 24, at 8 am.

Greenway Basketball Boosters
★ **Youth Boys Basketball** ★
Tournament



4TH AND 6TH GRADE BOYS TEAMS.

MEDALS FOR 1ST, 2ND, 3RD PLACE.

CONCESSION STAND OPEN

\$175 REGISTRATION FEE PER TEAM

GATE FEES -
\$4 STUDENTS
\$6 ADULTS

Jan 27th
2024

Greenway Basketball Boosters is hosting a Youth Boys Basketball Tournament on Saturday, January 27th at the Greenway High School.
 Please register your team with:
 Nick Porter Phone # 218-208-8408
 Email- porters55775@gmail.com
 Or Austin Koppelman Phone # 218-232-1593
 Email- austin_koppelman@yahoo.com
 Registration payment can be sent to: P.O Box 82, Coleraine MN 55722



FEBRUARY 2024

Board Decisions:

- Grand Rapids/Greenway Robotic Team was donated \$500.
- An accounting agreement with Glorvigen | Tierney | & Co was signed.

Arena Projects in Process:

- Security cameras for the hallway, concession stand, and lobby have been purchased and ready to be installed.
- Flood lights (2) for the parking lot, in conjunction with MN Power, are being installed on the nearest pole.

Programs:

- Basketball was an extraordinary year for showing improvements, the coaches reported.
- Hockey tournaments, the Peewee A District (past), Mini-Mites (Feb 24-25), and PeeWee B (March 1, 2, 3) are on schedule; none of the teams though have advanced to the top level.
- Ice Figure Skaters Spring Show is March 16 and 17.
- Ice goes out after the figure skating show, and baseball nets for school baseball/fastpitch players' go up.
- Little Titan teams are being adjusted to ensure a smoother transition between skill levels; stay tuned for more on that discussion.



MARCH 2024

Money Management:

- **Mandy of Glorvigen | Tierney | & Co conducted the annual review, and presented at the board meeting; there were no surprises as the company submits monthly reports with their accounting service for GJRA.**

Arena Projects:

- **Security cameras - Six have been installed for total coverage of the arena.**
- **Flood lights - Two were installed for the parking lot.**
- **Roof Improvements - Range Cornice & Roofing will be replacing the flat portion of the roof this May-June; in addition, some roof top equipment may be removed (seeking quotes) and upgraded, at the same time.**

Programs:

- **PeeWee Tournament was hosted the first weekend of March (our teams did not play) and had an excellent show of volunteers that made it a successful event.**
- **Ice Figure Skaters Spring Show was March 16 and 17; the shows had good crowds, and the work was done at a professional level.**
- **Baseball nets for school baseball/fastpitch players' are up in the arena, plus the players had a few good weather days to practice outside! New bases and mound will be in place for the season.**
- **Little Titan teams are being adjusted to ensure a smoother transition between skill levels; sign up (just for little league ages 10 - 12) will be March 26, from 5 to 7 pm at the H-B Recreation Center.**



APRIL 2024

- **CONCESSION STAND** Received and reviewed Concessions Report via Jodi and Molly. They are a good team; the Board renewed their commitment.
- **PLAN-OF-WORK** The board conducted an arena walk around and discussed potential short-term and long-term projects.
- **INVESTMENTS** The zamboni fund and other savings were moved into CDs with higher returns.
- **SUMMER BALL** Registration and skill evaluations were held on March 27 for the Little Titans; four teams were organized: 2 minor and 2 major. All other ball programs will register on April 24 and 25.

MAY 2024

GREENWAY SPORTS COMPLEX

- Green Again was hired to "feed & weed" the fields. Additional spraying for weeds to cut down on weed-whipping, was applied along the fencing and buildings.
- Grant Troumbly was hired for everyday keep-up.

SUMMER BALL PROGRAM - these are the teams for this summer. Note that the Junior Titans are still organizing. Scheduling will go out during the week of June 10.

- T-Ball (ages 5-6) four teams of girls and boys;
- Squirts (ages 7-9) five teams of girls and boys;
- Little Titans (ages 10-12, boys) Minors: two teams, Majors: two teams;
- Fastpitch (ages 6 - 14, girls) two 8U teams, two 10U teams, one 12U team, and one 14U team. Note that Director Pat Guyer is the contact for fastpitch.

HODGINS-BERARDO RECREATION CENTER

- Ice will be put in during the first week of June. The rink is rented for three weeks starting June 10 from the Greenway Emerald Figure Skating Club, and the Sertich Northern Hockey Camp.
- Promotional events for rollerskating are being arranged for July/August.
- Building improvement in process are wiring the security cameras, replacing the rubber flooring (July-August) in the locker rooms/varsity room/hallways, and upgrading the entrance doors.

GJRA BOARD

- A sports management platform, Crossbar, is being reviewed for the website.
- An annual donation of \$10,000 to Mt. Itasca was renewed. Mt. Itasca is having a fundraiser concert on July 13, 2024 with Troy Castellano

JUNE 2024

WEBSITE UPGRADE

The Board approved the sports management platform, Crossbar, to host a one-stop site for all of GJRA's programs, to be cost-shared with the Greenway Amatuer Hockey Association. Crossbar will be a technological update for registration, money transactions, and notices. The domain name will remain as greenwayrec.org.

SUMMER BALL PROGRAM

Unfortunately, there were not enough sign-ups for a junior league (boys ages 13-14); the few that did will play with the local American Legion junior team.

HODGINS-BERARDO RECREATION CENTER

- **Rentals:** when the ice was in during the month of June, GJRA rented the rink to Camp Hiawatha, Greenway Emerald Ice Figure Skating Club, and Sertich Northern Hockey Camp.
- Maintenance plans are to contract for dasherboard cleaning in July, and the flat portion of the roof will be replaced by the end of July.



Rollerskating events have been confirmed for two Friday nights, July 12 and 19, from 5-9, sponsored by The Dirty Ores, a roller derby club from Eveleth.

JULY 2024

HODGINS-BERARDO RECREATION CENTER

- Maintenance plans ~
 - dasherboard cleaning on July 24th,
 - the flat portion of the roof replaced during the last week in July/1st week in August, by Range Cornice & Roofing
 - locker room flooring installed by Rock
 - the six entryway doors were determined too expensive to replace (>\$60,000) so upgrading the panic bars and hinges is being considered.
 - the trophy displays are being re-thought, and solutions for more storage are needed; more space in the office is necessary.
- Rental: Rollerskating events were so successful that August 9th and 16th have been reserved from 5-9, sponsored by The Dirty Ores, a roller derby club from Eveleth.

FINANCES

- The lease with ISD #316 will remain the same.
- The budget committee has been organized; a decision on the levy amount will be made in August after the budget is approved.

WEBSITE

All website administrators will be trained during the first week in August, and ideally, the new site via Crossbar (with online registration, payment, and notices) will be operational prior to flag football registration first week in September.

BALL PROGRAMS

- The batter box was replaced in the Jen Guyer Field, and the pitcher mound rebuilt.
- The final tournament line ups are in process.