



REPORT TO CLIPP

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| ITEM NAME: | Outdoor Skating Rink for the Winter 2023 |
| MEETING DATE: | August 7, 2023 |
| PRESENTING COMMITTEE: | CLIPP |
| COMMITTEE CONTACT: | Chris Eiden |
| STAFF CONTACT: | Brad Jacobson |
| PREPARED BY: | Brad Jacobson/Jennifer Poyer |

ISSUE: The CLIPP Committee has requested an outdoor ice-skating rink be built in the Village.

OBJECTIVES: Identify the best location, cost, etc. of this venture.

ISSUE BACKGROUND/PREVIOUS ACTIONS: Village Board directed this item bring back to CLIPP to discuss using the old area at the Municipal Center to utilize the lighted area.

The lights that are out there have not been used since the mid 80's. I looked into the wiring and from what I found it looks like it was cut off from the building, most likely during the remodel in the mid 2000's with no idea of where outside it was even cut off. The wiring would need to be totally rebuilt and new lights installed on all the poles, the only salvageable item out there are the poles themselves.

The Village Board also discussed that the Community Room could be open for skaters during business hours of operations for a warming house/bathrooms. Downside to having that open is we need to have a sitting room to remove skates and put shoes back on to walk to the bathroom so almost like a small locker room. We most likely would also need to have daily janitorial service to mop floors/bathrooms. There used to be bathrooms attached to the MC with direct access to the outside in the Northeast corner of the building that were used for the ice rink but were removed during the remodel of the building in the 2000's.

I did ask Gary Walkowski former DPW worker who was here back in the 80's of some history of why it was shut down and he said it was never used so it was decided to end the skating facility.

PROPOSAL: Proposal for Towering Pines Park with cost and time estimates based off information I received from Mosinee on their 170'X90' outdoor ice-skating rink.

Initially they will construct a small gravel berm around the outside edge to hold water in. Flooding then takes a week at about 4 hours a day (20 hours) to create the main layer of ice for the season. Follow up layers are then needed once a week thru out the season, which takes about 4 hours of labor per week. Total water approximately used thru out the season is around 50,000 gallons which comes out to just under \$200 in cost.

Snow plowing maintenance after storms will vary with the amount of snow but would anticipate with travel time 1-2 hours per storm and equipment used will also depend on amount of snowfall. Some anticipated issues will be snowfalls that occur later in the week or weekend is that we may not be able to have the rink plowed until the following week with trying to maintain staff out of overtime.

Lighting - I'm working with Public Service to get us some quotes but based off the one flood light installed last year at Seville Park with one pole and one light that cost was \$3500 and then a rate of \$29.52 per month for watt usage. Based off the length of the rink we may need to have two lights but there is a power pole located in the area of the rink that possibly we can attach the two lights too and save us a pole charge.

ADVANTAGES:

- Establish a new outdoor recreational facility for residents to use during winter months.
- Towering Pines Park offers a better location (near residents) vs. the Municipal Center.

DISADVANTAGES:

- Cost (\$200 for water, \$150 for lighting and the possible cost for power poles and lights)
- Staff time spent maintaining the rink.
- Snowstorms/plowing could interfere with the maintenance of rink.

ITEMIZE ALL ANTICIPATED COSTS (Direct or Indirect, Start-Up/One-Time, Capital, Ongoing & Annual, Debt Service, etc.)

- Water - \$200
- Power for lights - \$150 (allowing 5 months)
- Power poles/lights (\$3,500 - \$7,000)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Recommend the Village Board approve building a rink in Towering Pines Park.