

Rec Center Report, December 5, 2012

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Facility Update:

Now that the cold weather is here, use of the Rec Center is in full swing, with over 100 visits on a typical weekday. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, three school groups use the Rec Center (elementary school swim, high school PE and TAP program), approximately 60 students. I have seen a number of high school athletes from various sports using the Rec Center for sports training after school.

Our first choice was to build a new hot tub in place of the old one, but current codes require an 11' setback from pool edge to hot tub edge. Our current layout can accommodate only 7'. We have not been able to get an exception granted to this particular code requirement, so we are now looking at fixing our existing hot tub. This requires addressing 8 different issues, from fixing leaks to drain compliance and updating other code issues. We developed a scope of work to address these problems and have one bid of \$43,000 to fix them. We are waiting for another bid to come in before deciding. Repairs could take place in December for a hopeful January hot tub opening. We have secured a private loan so that we can pay for this work out of capital improvement funding from both this fiscal year (2012-13) and the next. We are also looking at other funding options, including grants. While the hot tub is an expensive repair, we will be sure to maintain some funds to be able to address other issues in the facility as they arise.

We appreciated the opportunity to talk to the school board last month. Questions about our operations and funding priorities are always welcome. If this report does not fully address your concerns or questions about the Rec Center, feel free to contact me at scott@coacharmstrong.com or 715-779-5408. The School District of Bayfield is our most important partner in our mission to operate an open-access recreation center for the better health and wellness of our community. I know we all want to see the Rec Center succeed, and we are grateful to the school board for your support of this endeavor.

Programs update: The following were offered in September:

Aqua Fit	Mah Jong
Northern Lights physical therapy sessions	Birthday Parties
SilverSneakers	Sea Scouts
Martial Arts	Little Kickers
Aqua Zumba	Pre-School Swim Lessons
First Steps to Fitness	Red Cross Swim Lessons
Therapeutic Aquatic Exercise	Masters of Art class
Kung Fu tea	Aqua Zumba
Walleyball	Indoor Cycling

NOVEMBER USE

TOTAL 3034 people, including 606 Seniors, 1271 Adults, 1157 Children, and 1423 for programs

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

TOTAL 602 people who were members on November 30, 2012 272 member units