

Town of Amherst Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

5:00pm via Zoom

Attendees:

Dick Duquin

Tim Gardner

Pam Hart

Michael MacDonald

Jacqui Berger, Amherst Town Board Liaison

Shawn Lavin, Amherst Town Board Liaison (Excused)

Mary-Diana Pouli, Executive Director/Youth & Recreation Department

Eric Guzdek, Recreation Specialist/Youth & Recreation Department

Call to Order

- A. Mr. Gardner called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.
- B. Note that the sole order of business for this meeting was a presentation regarding the 716 Sports Complex at 330 Maple Road, Williamsville, NY 14221.

Presentation/Public Comment

Councilmember Berger and Sean Hopkins, Esq. presented an overview of the newly approved 716 Sports Complex and answered Commission members' questions.

- The site is 21 acres
- Two domes of 137,500 square feet each connected by a 50,000 square foot building the middle will be constructed to accommodate track and field, basketball, volleyball, pickleball and soccer. The track will be banked. The building will house some commercial enterprises to be determined.
- Total cost is @ \$50 million, none of which is taxpayer funded. They will, however, be seeking a PILOT from the AIDA.
- The domes will be gray and the public will not be able to see the illumination from the outside.
- Parking will be accessed off of Maple Road. A traffic light will be installed. Working on an agreement with UB for parking/shuttle service. There will not be a separate parking lot for AGSL diamonds.
- 100' frontage on Maple Road to remain undeveloped.
- The proposed hotel has been deleted for now.
- Hope to break ground in Spring 2026.
- Owner must remediate any damage caused to AGSL during the construction process.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Liaison Report – No Report

Youth & Recreation & Program Report – No Report

Facilities Report – No Report

Chairperson's Report – No Report

Liaison Reports

- A. Daemen College, AYB, Football, Soccer – No Report
- B. Golf – No Report
- C. Skatepark, Parks & Playgrounds, Amherst Skating Club - No Report
- D. High School Baseball, Little League Baseball, Youth Softball, Adult Softball – No Report
- E. Ice Hockey – No Report
- F. Northwest Amherst Community Center, Town Recreation Facilities, Lacrosse – No Report
- G. Individuals with disabilities – No Report
- H. Racquet Sports – No Report

Correspondence -No Report

Press Releases/News Articles - No Report

Adjournment

MMSC Mr. Duquin/Mrs. Hart to adjourn the meeting at 6:22pm.