

BRECKSVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION
December 5, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Commission Chairman Brian Stucky at 7:30 pm.

Roll Call was taken.

Members present: Barth, Beaver, Lastoria, Redinger and Stucky.

Also present: Recreation Director Tom Tupa, Athletic Facility Coordinator Jack Abbruzzese, Meg English

Absent: Ganley and Kern

Approval of Minutes for April Meeting:

Motion was made by Lastoria, seconded by Redinger to dispense with the reading of the September 26, 2016 minutes and to approve them as written.

Mayor's Report:

N/A

Council Representative Report:

This biggest item to share with the group is City Council had their budget meeting a couple weeks ago and a Recreation Expansions Fund and monies from the tax credit will be deposited into that account. Approximately 1 million dollars is projected to go into that fund for 2017. Last news on the new Facilities is that they are reviewing the contracts for the Architects for the new facilities. Then Design was chosen, independently for each facilities, to do both designs. They are the architects that design the SPIRE Institute. All three presentation for both facilities were good, but they stood out for both buildings with their experience and knowledge.

Recreation Director Report:

Memberships have been steady already with the incentive to renew your 2017 membership at the 2016, before the rates go up \$20 across the board. We believe we should have a good December for membership revenue.

We are looking to change our Summer Camp Fees, and cancellation policy.

During registration for summer camp, parents sign their kids up for all the weeks, and then end up withdrawing at the last minute for other weeks and closes the program out to other participants and then we lose revenue. We are looking to do a prorated cancellation fee for the camp going forward. Many sessions of camp sell out in the first day, and the waitlist are sometimes over 20 people long.

Commission is in complete support of the change.

Seasonal activities are underway, the Annual Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony was last week, and Jack and Jim decorated the Recreation Department's float that advertises the Annual Christmas Parade, Carolyn handled all the parade entries and line-up. One of the best Parade and Tree Lighting Events we have had. This past weekend was the Annual Christmas Play at Old Town Hall, which went off without a hitch. There were two performances on Saturday and Sunday, and we had lots of great feedback. Carolyn, Jack and Jim helped out with the set-design for the play, and we heard lots of great feedback, that it was one of the best set designs we had seen in a while. Next event will be Breakfast with Santa, December 21st 10:45am seating already sold out, and only a few tickets left for the 8:45 seating.

Basketball Group that comes in on Sunday am, supposed to play 10am-noon, but they have been staying until 1:30pm because they are guest passes and keeping the gym closed and not available for members. We will be changing this to match the Tuesday/Thursday AM punch pass policy as a program that will end at noon. Holiday Hours Christmas Eve 8am-noon, closed Christmas Day, 10-5pm the day after when the City observes the Holiday, and the same schedule the week after for New Year's.

There was a Chlorine mishap at the Community Center on Saturday night as a result of combining 2 different types of chlorine. No one was hurt, however we had to evacuate the building and the fire department and Hazmat team responded.

Athletic/Facility Coordinator Report:

Adult Co-ed Volleyball is finishing up their tournaments. We have 22 team currently enrolled the Men's basketball program (12 50+; 7 35+; 3 open division). Youth wrestling had their first meet last Sunday, still waiting on the results. We have 40 kids currently registered in the program. Kevin McPherson coaches the program up in the wrestling room at the high school.

Youth Basketball has had 2 weeks of practices with games starting for 7/8th grade boys on 12/17, and the other will begin in January. There are a total of 14 teams and 128 participants 3rd-8th grade. Pee Wee and Little Dribblers registration begins January 2nd. Little Dribblers will replace the Start Smart Program and will be run by Robbie Haught and a couple of others from Cleveland Basketball.

Indians Rally camp info was sent out, this is a new initiative for the Indians and they are looking for a few Cities to pilot this program. This program would allow the City of Brecksville to keep control of the program with Indians. This allow us to use their logo, and all kids will get a ticket, hat and wristbands for \$6. This program is similar to Baseball Canada for 4-6 year olds. It have 3 smaller teams working on a field at the same time with 1 hitting, 1 in the field, 1 in the outfield with 15 minute rotations. You will still need to have volunteer coaches and the Indians will provide coaches clinics for a minimal cost. Meg likes that fact that the systems keeps score using good plays so it has a skill segment to it and they have a

skills day. Discussion was had by the Commission members about this program at this time, the Indians program was still open for discussion, no final decision had been made as to whether this was a definite way to go.

CVYO:

This is a quiet time for BTBA, they are using some gym time with City of Brecksville and the schools.

Lacrosse is getting ready for spring. There was a meeting about facility expectations so everyone can work together, especially turf usage.

BSA:

Indoor season is in session at the Force facility in Fairlawn and the Bees Soccer Academy is at the Jr. High.

Run 4 Your Life:

The winter season started a couple weeks ago and the family has at least 30 participants at each session, but there is minimal High School involvement.

Sessions are Mondays and Wednesdays.

Home Days Run 2017 is Sunday July 2nd.

Other Business:

Commission Member Lastoria brought up the idea of offering Gun Safety Classes in the old rand when the new Police Station is finished, or possible have classroom time at Stonewall. Director Tupa said he would take it up the chain to see if it is a possibility or if it should fall under another department.

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, January 23, 2017 at 7:30pm

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Beaver and seconded by Redinger, to adjourn the meeting at 7:33pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Carolyn Jatsek