

BRECKSVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION
May 23, 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, Ganley, Lastoria, Kern, Redinger, and Stucky.

Also present: Recreation Director Tom Tupa, Athletic Facility Coordinator Jack Abbruzzese, Blossom Building Supervisor Jim Kolesar, and CYVO President Meg English.

Absent: None

Approval of Minutes for April Meeting:

Motion was made by Lastoria, seconded by Ganley to dispense with the reading of the April 25, 2016 minutes and to approve them as written.

Mayor's Report:

N/A

Council Representative Report:

Councilperson Redinger announced that the Memorial Day Parade would step off next Monday May 30th at 9am from City Hall.

Recreation Director Report:

Recreation Director Tom Tupa reported the Summer Concert on the Square Series will be starting and this year there will be some on Sundays and some on Thursdays to try and switch things up and see what works. The Mayor's Golf Outing is Wednesday June 8th and there is still room if anyone is interested in participating. The outdoor pool will be opening for the season on Saturday May 28th. There are a couple of projects going on in the outdoor pool area. The tile repair project will begin as soon as the tile is available and we will work the project and pool schedule to have it open as much as possible during the repair process as long as the area is safe. The department would like to replace the outdoor pool lounge chairs and will be ordering those after Council approves them. We will be hosting a Girls' Basketball Camp for grades 1-8th at the Community Center. They will be using the field house 2 nights a week in September. We will be revisiting the current Field House rental fees to look into a rental rate for the program.

Rhonda would like to pilot a new Yoga for Kids Workshop at the Community Center. The program will be on Fridays mornings in July for kids 7-12 years of age. The suggested rate for the workshop is \$40 for 5 weeks. The department

would like Commission's approval to go forward with this pilot program at this fee. Discussion was had and the pilot program and fee was passed unanimously by Recreation Commission Members.

Another item the Recreation Department would like the Commission to discuss it an add on rental fee for residents who rent the Community Rooms for an event and would like to allow their guest to have access to the pools to swim during their event. We are recommending a pool rental add on to the Community Room Rental rate of \$30 per hour per room that they are renting. For example if they are renting 2 community rooms for 2 hours the pool add on rate would be \$120. Discussion was had by the Commission Members and it was unanimously approved.

The Memorial Day Parade is Monday May 30th at 9am and if anyone is interested in helping to carry the large flag in the parade, please contact Ted Lux. The new Community Garden has been dedicated and is up going. It look beautiful and people are excited about it. All the garden plots have been sold and there is a waiting list incase plots become available.

Home Days is June 24, 25 and 26. The Recreation Department games will be set up inside the new horticulture building garage on Saturday and Sunday from 4-7pm. In addition there will be a Face Painter on Saturday and Balloon Person there on Sunday sponsored by the department. The Dog Jog will be held on Saturday morning up at Blossom and the Home Run 5 K and fun walk will be held on Sunday starting at Kids Quarters.

All of the new fitness equipment is in and we are receiving positive comments from the members and we are hoping to get more new equipment towards the end of the year.

Up at Blossom, the stair case for the scorer's booth is being replaced. Chagrin Valley will be out later this summer to perform a wetland study on the property in preparation for the proposed facilities on the site.

Tom introduced Jack Abbruzzese and Jim Kolesar to the Recreation Commission. Looking toward the future Jack will be running the new facilities up at Blossom and has been doing a great job so far.

CVYO:

Meg English reported that the baseball season is underway and both the fields and the kids are looking good. They have seen lots of good results so far, and you can tell the coaches had been working hard over the winter. Parents seem happy.

Meg reported she is still trying to get together with Dan Kalinsky for a Basketball wrap up report, and the Lacrosse season is just wrapping up.

BSA:

Brian Stuckey reported that soccer tryouts are next week, and the signs announcing tryouts are up in town. They are waiting to see the numbers for Broadview Heights since their partnership. The Brecksville Soccer Academy is going well and there are over 50 kids in the program.

At the end of the season, a field review was done and the Bottom Field is looking a little bare and may need to be over seeded. Hopefully this is something that could be done in the end of June after tryouts, but the one issue is watering the field. Jim Kolesar was going to look into a couple options including possibly using a fire hydrant as a source and get back with Brian on some options.

Run 4 Your Life:

The spring session of Run 4 Your Life is finished and they had 25-30 participants. The summer session begins June 20-July 27th. There are currently almost 60 participants signed up for both the running program on Tuesdays and Thursday and the workout program on Monday and Wednesday mornings.

The Home Days 5k Home Run and 1 Mile Walk will be held on Sunday June 26th as part of Home Days Weekend.

Other Business:

Jack and Jim reported that the Baseball and Softball season has started. There are 15 teams in the Adult Coed Softball League and the older kids have started their season. Tee ball and Coach Pitch will begin June 13th. They have a staff of 10 Grounds Crew members that will be maintaining the fields and taking on some smaller maintenance projects this summer. Jack stated that he is happy to be here.

Commission Member Nicole Kern, brought up a question regarding how much fitness class revenue effects the Recreation Department's budget. Her concern is how the department will be effected with all the new group fitness centers are coming into town. Councilperson Laura Redinger replied that the Recreation Department functions on a budget 50% funded by the Recreation Department's revenue and 50% funded by the City's General Fund and is seen as a Community Service.

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, July 25, 2016 at 7:30 pm.

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Bob Ganley and seconded by Laura Redinger to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Carolyn Jatsek