

BRECKSVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION
October 24, 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, Kern, Redinger and Stucky.

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

Absent: Ganley and Lastoria

Approval of Minutes for April Meeting:

Motion was made by Beaver, seconded by Barth 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:

The full 14 member review board for the Aquatic Facility and Field House Projects have been selected and they have meet to review each proposal. The proposals were narrowed down to 2 for the Field House and 3 for the Aquatic Facility. The next phase is to interview the firms selected and those interviews are being held on October 25th for the Field House and November 2nd for the Aquatic Facility. There has been a push for the Aquatic Facility to be located at the Community Center for many reason including centralized location, logistics for staffing, more user friendly and accessible for kids and bikes since there are existing sidewalks. There is a possibility of getting more land from the parks to allow for more space to expand. Currently the Field House is planned for the new basketball courts as a feasible option, and the turf will be put on hold due to other projects going on in the City. There is a possibility of adding the turf portion as a phase 2 in the future. The goal is to have the firms selected quickly.

Recreation Director Report:

Recreation Director Tupa reported the Boo-ville was held yesterday October 23rd at the Blossom Hill Facility and was the biggest turn-out evert. The weather was great and there were easily 1000 people through the event. The hayrides has a constant line. Tom thanked Erin Kubat, Jim Kolesar, Jack Abbruzzese and the rest of the staff for all their hard work.

The Community Center is looking to raise membership rates for 2017. The rates have not been increased in 4 years and they are looking to raise them \$20 across

the board, but offer a price freeze to anyone who purchases their membership in December. An email vote will be sent out in the next few days for Recreation Commission approval of the recommendation. (An email was sent out the next day and all Commission members unanimously supported the \$20 per membership type increase for 2017 Community Center Memberships)

Corporate Memberships are up this year, but still under the 500 limit. They half year prorate has helped raise the membership levels for the second half of the year and there have not been any issues as far as equipment availability with these added members.

CVYO:

Meg wanted to compliment the Recreation Department on Boo-ville, she had a great time attending with her grandkids. The huddle kids that volunteered did an outstanding job, and paid a lot of attention to the kids coming through the event. Baseball has been enjoying a lot of great fall field time with the weather this year. Tryouts are completed and teams are moving forward. They are looking at possibly having a more official try-out process for next year.

Lacrosse is getting ready for spring.

Eleven basketball teams have been created for 3rd-6th grade boys and 4th-6th grade girls.

BSA:

Fall season is completed and are heading towards winter season which is held at the Force Facility in Fairlawn.

Run 4 Your Life:

Registration is still open, session begins November 19th. There are two Saturday am sessions, and 2 Monday and Wednesday Sessions.

Other Business:

Jack Abbruzzese came to the meeting to pass along a few updates.

Adult fall leagues are going well, co-ed softball will wrap up this weekend and volleyball will continue on for the rest of the fall. The soccer academy ended October 15th and they handed out water bottles to all the participants as well as their pictures. Youth basketball registration is ending soon. Currently there are 96 participants for grades 3-8. Wrestling enrollment is running a little low right now with only 16 participants.

The Cleveland Indians have submitted a 15 page proposal for their Rally Camp for tee ball age kids. Their Rally Camp is a more innovative way to do teeball. The Athletic Department has just received the proposal and have not had a chance to discuss it within the department, but will share more information shortly.

Chairman Stuckey asked that the proposal be emailed out once it has been

reviewing internally. They also evaluating different options for the Start Smart Baseball program. Internally Jack and Jim have sat down to discuss some of the administrative issues from the email that Nicole Kern has sent out after the September meeting regarding the baseball program.

Some updates on projects were discusses as well. They are planning to aerate the soccer fields this week. Brian Stuckey will try and get a spreader and seed for them so they can over seed the field as well. The windscreens on the baseball fields at City Hall are slated to be replaced this fall as well.

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, December 5, 2016 at 7:30pm

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Barth and seconded by Beaver, to adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Carolyn Jatsek