

BRECKSVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION
September 26, 2016 Meeting Minutes

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

Roll Call was taken.

Members present: Beaver, Ganley, Kern, Lastoria, Redinger and Stucky.

Also present: Athletic Facility Coordinator Jack Abbruzzese

Absent: Barth

Approval of Minutes for April Meeting:

Motion was made by Lastoria, seconded by Ganley to dispense with the reading of the August 22, 2016 minutes and to approve them as written.

Mayor's Report:

N/A

Council Representative Report:

The Request for Qualifications process is continuing to move forward. A committee has been formed and requests went out September 22, 2016 and will be due back two weeks later on Monday October 10th.

Recreation Director Report:

Recreation Director Tupa was absent but sent the following items to be reported. The Blossom Floor was screened earlier this month and turned out well. The North End Basketball Hoop at the Community Center project has been completed to strengthen the support. Pool shutdown is complete and the pool opened as scheduled on Monday September 19th. The Men's and Women's Locker Room Tile Project was completed, it took a couple days longer than initially planned, but it turned out well, and we have been receiving compliments on the project. Another shipment of Fitness Equipment was delivered last week, which included new Spinning Bikes, Treadmills, Exercise Bikes and a Power Rack. Recreation has a number of 2017 Capital Projects listed for Council's approval. As soon as the budget is approved, we will let you know what work and projects were approved to be completed in 2017. Just a reminder that the Brecksville Boo-Ville Halloween Party at Blossom will be held on Sunday October 23rd from 1-4pm.

CVYO:

No Report

BSA:

Kids from the BSA are making it at the High School Level which shows that the BSA is doing what it is supposed to help our kids succeed. Fall Soccer Try-outs are complete and there are over 200 kids in the program again this year. The Soccer Academy is running well again this year.

Run 4 Your Life:

Registration is currently underway for the Fall/Winter Session which will begin in November. Usually this session averages 40-50 participants and is open to all. It is held at the Blossom Field House. Comments were made about how the younger kids enjoy it when the older kids are helping with the program, whether with Run 4 Your Life, soccer, and other organization that do it as well.

Community Garden

The Community Garden is beginning to wrap up. It was a great project and many members are looking forward to next year.

Other Business:

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

The Soccer Academy is going well and has 64 participants in U6 and 42 in U8.

Picture Day was reinstated this year and went well. We have two sessions of Start Smart Soccer with a total of 10 participants. Registration is currently underway for youth basketball grades 3-8 and youth wrestling.

The Ohio Floor Company did a real good job refinishing the Blossom Field House floor. They were able to get it all done one Friday night, and it would be nice to make it an annual project to keep the floor in good working condition.

The North Basketball Hoop at the Community Center project is complete. A center I-beam had to be added to support the hoop and make it more secure.

This fall they are getting ready to plant grass on the sparse areas of the Blossom baseball diamonds, replace some of the wind screens on the fields at City Hall and Blossom, and also add soft toss hitting stations at Blossom between diamonds E&F so they will be ready to go in spring. Chairperson Stucky asked if they could look at seeding the soccer fields as well, at least one at a time.

The conversation was revisited about how to make our in-house baseball program better as follow-up to the email Nicole has put together. The commission is looking at Jack to try and figure out how to make sure the Brecksville Recreation Programs are strong and people are involved. Commission Chairman Stucky asked Jack to follow-up with an email to commission regarding the programs.

Jack has started meeting with some groups regarding t-ball and coach pitch which are the programs that we have complete control over because they are completely in-house. Once you get into machine and kid pitch there are some limitation because those age groups are part of interdepartmental leagues and we have to

obey the league rules. It is going to take some time to change the program completely you need to make the changes as the kids are entering the program and as they age up, the older programs will improve as well. There are some rule changes that Tom English made at the league wrap up meeting for the older age groups that are being looked into for next year. Jack is hoping to have some things on paper regarding these changes by the next meeting.

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, October 24, 2016 at 7:30 pm.

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Beaver and seconded by Redinger, to adjourn the meeting at 7:51pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Carolyn Jatsek