

**BRECKSVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**December 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

The Recreation Commission Meeting was called to order by Councilwoman Redinger at 7:30pm. Please note this meeting was held via teleconference for members of the Commission, and the Recreation Department, and was live streamed for on Facebook live for the public to hear.

Roll Call was taken.

**Members present:** Beaver, Firestone, Kern, Moleski, and Redinger.

**Absent:** Barth and Zenir

**Also present:** Director Tom Tupa, Meg English, Jim Kolesar, Jamie Mewhinney, and Carolyn Jatsek

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Redinger, seconded by Kern to dispense with the reading of the October 26, 2020 minutes and to approve them as written.

**Council Representative Report:**

Councilwomen Redinger reported that City Council recently approved the Recreation Fee Schedule for 2021, and the annual maintenance for RecTrac and WebTrac. Council also accepted a NOPEC grant for an electronic locking charging unit for the fitness areas, and an additional 25 year warranty for the pool specific to the concrete work for no cost. Council held their annual budget meeting on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving to review the budget, which will be approved as submitted at the next Council Meeting. In addition, in 2021, Council will be sun setting the tax increase of .25% after the third year of hitting the 18 million dollar mark. This is good news for residents, but hard on the budget. Of the \$6.7 million additional tax revenue, \$4,077,000 went to Recreation, mostly to pay for the Aquatic Expansion. Community Center operation cost will be up due to the two new Aquatic Facilities. In addition, membership will also be up relative to these openings as well. The Recreation budget will also see an increase in the amount transferred from the General Fund. The only big capital item for recreation is the women's locker room locker replacement project. The City is planning to remain conservative next year due to COVID, and if things are looking better, the budget can be re-evaluated.

**Recreation Director Report:**

Recreation Director Tupa reported that the 2021 Membership Drive is currently going on with some membership promotions. Email blasts will continue to go out throughout the month to encourage membership renewals. The Community Center will have holiday hours on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve 5:30am-noon, and

will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day. Last week was the walk through for the punch list for the Aquatic Facility. A new schedule update should be available after the next meeting.

### **Athletic/Facility Coordinator:**

Basketball Practices for recreation leagues grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> have begun at Blossom Field House, and grades 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> will begin Tuesday at the Community Center Field House. No parents will be allowed at practices they will need to drop off their players. Games will begin on January 9<sup>th</sup> for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade which will be all in-house play. Our registration numbers are at about 75% of last year, and other communities at saying their numbers are closer to 50% of normal. This year there will be some Sunday games, because of only one court can be used at time, and the Community Center has shortened hours so they cannot be as many games on Saturdays. During games, spectators will be limited to only one per player. Looking at ways to stream games so parents can watch.

Run For Your Life signups are currently going on, and sessions will begin on January 9<sup>th</sup>. We are offering additional time slots, due to limitation of only 14 participants each session.

Men's Basketball currently has 7 teams in 35+, and only 2 in 50+. There is some hesitation from some of the players in the 50+ and 65+ leagues, and may consider pushing their season back into later spring. Volley ball for 3-6<sup>th</sup> grade girls usually begins in January, but it will be pushed back this year to a January registration with March dates due to the Field House needing to be used more for Basketball this season. PeeWee Basketball and Little Dribblers registration will begin January 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Blossom Gym ended up being able to offer about 5 or 6 hours a week for Travel Basketball after all recreation programs and rentals were scheduled.

### **CVYO Report:**

Meg thanked the Mayor, City of Brecksville, Tom, Jim, Jamie and the Service Department for getting the wall at Field C done and ready for the 2021 season. In addition she thanked Jim and Jamie for all the hard work with Dan Kalinsky and travel basketball to get them gym time since they had limited to no access to the school facilities. They appreciate the City for making travel basketball a scheduling priority this year. All the other sports are between season, either wrapping up or preparing for spring sessions.

### **Roundtable:**

Commission Chair Redinger received a phone call from a parent regarding the Old Stadium Facility and its availability for the Football and Lacrosse. Director Tupa stated that he is beginning dialog with the Mayor about the facility. This year with the Aquatic Expansion, new Field House, and COVID, it took a back burner. There are a lot of issues with the facility, and a pretty big project was left to the

City. Tupa is hoping to have some more information for the Commission's January Meeting. Meg stated that she met with the football program in the fall of 2018 to discuss them joining the CVYO. At the time the football organization stated they would not be using any of the City Facilities so they were not interested in coming under the CVYO umbrella. If they are going to be interested in using those facilities, those conversations should be revisited. In the past a clean line has been drawn in the sand that the City would support travel teams through the CVYO, otherwise teams from throughout the area would be looking for field use through the City. It is no surprise that those facilities need a lot of work, and the budget got cut quite a bit. We need to wrap up current projects, before we take on more.

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, January 25, 2021 at 7:30pm.

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Redinger and seconded by Moleski to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted:  
Carolyn Jatsek