

**BRECKSVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**October 26, 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:** Barth, Kern, Moleski, Redinger and Zenir.

**Absent:** Beaver and Firestone

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Redinger, seconded by Zenir to dispense with the reading of the September 28, 2020 minutes and to approve them as written.

**Council Representative Report:**

Councilwomen Redinger reported that at the October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting Council approved \$5,000 for the repair of the retaining wall at City Hall Field C, and temperature scanning kiosk for City buildings. At the October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting Council approved the purchase of 15 cameras for the Aquatic Facility, an Audio/Visual equipment package, and also computers and supplies to outfit the Aquatic Expansion, Ticket booth, and Concessions. In addition a camera package was approved for 13 cameras to cover Kids Quarters, the City Hall Fields and Tennis Courts, and Fields E & F at Blossom.

Councilwomen Redinger gave an update on the VA Development. The CIC transferred 118.9 Acres to Sherwin Williams which should help move the project along. Council has a budget meeting schedule for early December and will be looking at the Recreation Capital and Operating Budgets, along with the rest of the City Budgets.

**Recreation Director Report:**

Recreation Director Tupa reported that they have a budget meeting on Wednesday to review the 2021 budget with the Mayor and Finance Director. The temperature kiosk that Council approved it installed and operational the entrance to the Community Center, and members are using it.

Boo-Ville was held this past weekend, although it was a little different. There were three different drive-in movies held up at Blossom, and about 225 kids (100 families) attended. We received great feedback on the event. Myles, Bo, Jim, Jamie, Louis, Joe and the rest of the staff did a great job, and there were plenty of

people helping out. Trick or Treat will be held on Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-8pm in Brecksville, following the protocol handed down from the Governor. Those protocols are posted on the City Website. On November 29<sup>th</sup>, the City will have the annual tree lighting, and a large Firework Display, but there will not be the annual parade. We are currently getting directives on a final plan for Santa's Calling, Breakfast with Santa, and the Annual Christmas Play.

The Aquatic Center is moving along, they are testing the features on the outdoor pool, the landscaping has been completed, and they plan to fill the indoor pool on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. They are still finishing up the installation of some tile and doors. We should have a better idea on a completion date after the Construction Meeting this Wednesday.

Saturday some of the department walked the Field House at the new school. That portion of the project is really going quickly. It is great big space and will be well used when it is completed.

The new driveway between the Community Center and the church is complete and some of the sidewalk is in, they are hoping to complete it soon. The work on the retaining wall began last week after Council approved the expenditure. The 2021 Recreation Fee schedule was presented to Commission before the meeting, and has not changes, if Commission approves, it will be passed along for Council for approval. The Community Center will be offering a variety of promotions for those who renew their annual membership in December, including \$10 off their membership.

Director Tupa received an email from a gentleman regarding the age of youth to working out on equipment in the fitness area. Currently they need to be 14, or take a intro class at age 13 to be able to use the fitness center. This member would like the age lowered. Tupa spoke with both Fitness Coordinator Miko, and HS Director Paciorek, and both were against lowering it, stating the body development is not there prior to age 13. Fitness Coordinator Miko stating they could try offering more classes to youth again after COVID settles down as an alternative supervised option. Commission members Barth, Moleski, Zenir, and Redinger also agreed. The BBHHS Swim Team uses the natatorium as a practice and home meet facility. They met with Facility/Aquatic Coordinator Bob Pliske to discuss protocols for the season. Currently, the public is limited to one person per lane. There is a meeting scheduled later this week to discuss the possibility of having the team practice, and what the protocols would be. It is virtually impossible to host home meets this year, and we have asked them to ask neighboring communities for some pool time as well this year to split the load. We are looking to do the best we can for the schools, but also need to make sure we keep the Community Safe.

Commission member Moleski asked about the crowd size and usage for the new indoor activity pool. Director Tupa stated the City is still working on protocols for the new facility. The Board of Health was out his week, and told us the capacity for the Aquatic Facility is 900, but would need to be limited during COVID. We

are looking to possibly implement a reservation system for the activity pool. The Grand Opening celebration will most likely be held when the outdoor pool opens for the season, and there would be a ribbon cutting for the indoor facility.

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

The fall Soccer Academy officially ended on October 17<sup>th</sup>, and receive a lot of positive feedback. Flag football will end this coming Saturday. We hosted on weekend of games, and received complimentary comments about the Blossom Facility from players from other Communities. The outdoor bathrooms have been winterized for the season. There is a portable toilet at Blossom by Field E. Flag football and the BSA have been moved off the fields and onto the turf due to wet weather to try and save the fields. Coed Softball is wrapping up with a tournament on Sunday, and Coed Volleyball will run October 18-November 29. Fall cleanup will begin next Monday on fields, with the removal of bases, nets, and garbage cans, but they will continue to be dragged as long as the weather allows. The turf has been schedule for use through November.

As we transition to winter sports, Travel basketball will begin using Blossom Field House today through November 28<sup>th</sup>, from 6-9:30pm M-F. The Athletic Department met with all the travel coached to review protocols. It is a still a school, and everyone will need to do their part. There are no parents allowed, there will be 10 minutes between groups for cleaning of high touch areas and surfaces. The City has purchased a static sprayer to spray down the facility. Rec Basketball registration has been extended through November 19<sup>th</sup>, and league play will be pushed back to January. As of know there are 52 girls and 53 boys registered for grades 1-8. Girls' registration numbers are about the same as last year, but boys are running at about half of last year.

The Madden virtual gaming league has 4 gamers ages 10-13. There were some learning curves with registration. People were interested, but ran into the issue of different platforms unable to play each other. The department is trying to get a NBA 2K league going over winter break.

### **CVYO Report:**

Meg thanked the City of Brecksville for all their support of the different travel teams, including baseball, basketball, soccer, and lacrosse. It is understood that id does not always pay off on the balance sheet, but it does in the kids' lives. Travel basketball is thankful for getting some gym time at the Blossom Field House. They are still waiting to hear if they will be able use the school's facilities at all this season. After the November 28<sup>th</sup> date, Blossom Gym will be used primarily by Rec basketball, but if there is left over time, travel will have opportunities. If the schools do not come through for travel, then it is on each team to come up with a backup plan. Many of the plan B facilities, such as churches are already booked by

other teams. Meg has reached out to the travel organization to start thinking about a budget to put towards using the new Fields House.

**Roundtable:**

Commission member Kern asked where are the lounge chairs going on the deck of the new pool. Tupa stated there will be a couple of rows along the zero entry end of the pool, and some table and chairs along the indoor pool wall, and lounge chairs along the natatorium wall as well. The indoor facility will have tables and chairs in the concession lobby and benched and chair on the indoor pool deck. Commission member Kern also had compliments on this year's alternative Boo-Ville event. Councilwomen Redinger also noted that she had received positive feedback for Boo-Ville.

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, December 7, 2020 at 7:30pm.

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Redinger and seconded by Kern to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted:  
Carolyn Jatsek