

**BRECKSVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**September 28, 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, Redinger and Zenir.

**Absent:** Barth

**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 August 24, 2020 minutes and to approve them as written.

**Council Representative Report:**

Councilwomen Redinger reported that Council has recently approved increases to the PO for Professional Services for concrete testing, and monies for a repair to the Blossom Building 7 boiler. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> readings of the TIF agreement that includes the Dallard Parcel have been read. The City will be under contract for the property after the due diligence is complete, and will become part of the VA development.

**Recreation Director Report:**

Recreation Director Tupa reported that the Kids Quarters structure project is complete, and Kids Quarters has been getting a lot of use this summer. The Sidewalks leading up to the Community Center is complete as well. The Aquatic Expansion is moving along, they have begun installing the fencing and the tiling this week. The wall are going up on the new Field House, which is exciting to see that project beginning. September 19<sup>th</sup>, was another Muni-Lot Movie Night for the showing of Trolls World Tour, and was sold out. Thanks to Bob, Jim, Jamie, Luis and Myles for all their hard work. This year's BooVille will be a drive-in event up at Blossom. Each time slot will consist of a drive thru candy stop and pumpkin patch and then the showing of a Halloween short. Registrations will be needed, as space will be limited. Thanks to Jim and Jamie for such a great job keeping up on the five different outdoor athletic fields this summer with limited staffing. The City fields look great compared to some other City's facilities. There have been inquiries from the public regarding lights for the Tennis Court. At this time the City is not adding lights to the courts. The courts are open during daylight with the

exceptions of 9-1pm 4 days a week for 8 weeks. \$100,000 is a lot of money to spend to gain a few hours of play. It is on the future capital expenditure plan, but right now there are other items that are a higher priority.

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

Fall flag football practice has been going on for the past 2 weeks, and games will begin this Saturday. Soccer Academy is going on, and will be extended to October 17<sup>th</sup>, due to a scheduling conflict with Girls Varsity for October 10<sup>th</sup>. The Lacrosse Clinic had 117 kids registered this year, and it is wrapping up this week. With that many kids interested, it might be a potential sport to expand programming. The deadline to register for youth basketball is being extended until mid-November. The Athletic Department has been meeting with other Cities trying to figure out what the season will look like. There will most likely not be games until January, limited spectators per participant, shorten season, no playoffs, weekday games, limited practices. The city relies on the use of the schools gyms for some practices, and as of right now there is no definite commitment. We have been told to plan to proceed as normal with scheduling practices, and see where the numbers are when the season begins. The Madden League registration deadline has been extended a week to see if we can get enough participants for a league. The department has continued to be busy maintaining the fields. Commission member Moleski echoed Tom's comment about how great the fields look this summer, and asked about how fall programming other than basketball will be effected by COVID. Other than basketball, youth wrestling and girls volleyball clinics usually are fall/winter. This year there will be no youth wrestling, but volleyball will still plan to go on as scheduled. Councilwoman Redinger offered some feedback that she has heard some interest in NBA 2020 tournament similar to the Madden Tournament. She also noted that the fee schedule for the tournaments had also been approved by Council during after they were recommended by Commission. Commission Member Kern, stated that both her kids took part in the Lacrosse Clinic and thought it was great.

### **CVYO Report:**

Meg stated that the Lacrosse clinic was well attended by both boys and girls. Fall baseball is going well thanks to the nice fall weather, as well as soccer. As we move into the indoor season, facilities are going to become a challenge. There are rumors of some facilities charging double the usual fees this year. Travel Basketball relies heavily on the schools as well for practice facilities. They have gotten approval to hold basketball tryouts at the middle school, but are limiting teams to one per age group. There has been interest in a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade girls' team. In the past there had been some, but they had trouble finding teams to play them. It is looking like there will not be any home games for travel basketball this year. Meg

inquired about the status of the wall project at Field C, noting that without Rec baseball this summer, travel was able to work around not using Field C, but it will be imperative that it is up and ready for next season. Director Tupa noted that he has submitted a letter for Council requesting the approval of funds for the project so the Service Department can begin work on the wall.

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, October 26 at 7:30pm.

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Redinger and seconded by Kern to adjourn the meeting at 7:59pm.

Respectfully submitted:  
Carolyn Jatsek