

**BRECKSVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**April 23, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

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

Roll Call was taken.

**Members present:** Barth, Beaver, Ganley, Kern, Stucky, and Zenir

**Members Absent:** Redinger

**Also present:** Tom Tupa, Jack Abbruzzese, Jim Kolesar, Meg English, and Carolyn Jatsek

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion was made by Ganley, seconded by Barth to dispense with the reading of the February 26, 2018 minutes and to approve them as written.

**Mayor's Report:**

N/A

**Council Representative Report:**

N/A

**Recreation Director Report:**

The Mayor asked Director Tupa to update the Commission on the status of the Aquatic Facility Project. ThenDesign is supposed to present the final plans and budget to City Council at either the first or second meeting in May, and then will present to the Recreation Commission. The outdoor pool is currently scheduled to close around the second week in July in preparation for the construction of the new facility.

The Community Center roof project is underway, and will hopefully be completed in the next 4-6 weeks weather depending. The project was slow to start due to the weather this spring. The renovations to the scoring booth behind City Hall is almost complete, and the new comfort station at City Hall is moving ahead. The bathrooms facilities are open for the season, with a slight delay in the comfort station at Blossom by fields E&F due to a pipe burst over the winter, but that should be repaired within the week.

City Council will be presented with the first of 3 feature replacements for Kids Quarters. This year's project will be to add a Zip Krooz in the area where the old Zipline has been. Two other features will be added over the next two years.

There is an opportunity for the City to apply for a Nature Works Grant this year. After lengthy discussions and looking into many of our recreation facilities and different potential projects within the Community, the Recreation Department would like to proceed in applying for the grant to add an ADA access ramp to Kids Quarters. The Community Center and Kids Quarters Playground is in the heart of the town and is a

real hub of the Community. Kids Quarters is used by many members of the Community and surrounding communities for recreation and Special Community Events. The Kids Quarter facility is used by members of all generations of the Communities from the kids playing on the playground, to camps using it as picnic site, organization using the pavilion for cookouts and adults using it for outdoor basketball, pickle ball and bocce courts. In addition there is a Kids Quarters is home to a educational children's garden that is maintained by the Preschool Mother's Club in collaboration with the City's Horticulture Department. Not having ADA access has been an issue for many years, and the Department feels this is an opportunity to allow even more people to safely, and easily access an already well used facility. This project would include rebuilding the stairs that lead up to Kids Quarters from the parking lot and also add an ADA compliant ramp to the left of the stairs with the landing areas as needed. A motion was made by Barth and seconded by Kern to have the City proceed in applying for the Nature Works Grant to create an ADA compliant access to Kids Quarters and was unanimously approved.

### **Athletics Report:**

Excavating began today for the installation of the Hitting Stations up at Blossom, and the project should be completed in about a week, weather permitting. This past Saturday was the Baseball and Softball Clinics at Blossom that was open to boys and girls ages 8-13 who are registered for recreation baseball and softball leagues. This clinic was put on by the BTBA and run by some of their coaches. There were 20 boys and 14 girls signed up for this clinic.

This year's spring soccer numbers are up from 116 last spring to 163 this spring.

### **Mayor's Project Updates:**

The Programming and Marketing Committee had a few updates since the last Commission meeting. Candace will be meeting with members of the 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' lacrosse team to discuss the opportunity to offer some late summer camps for younger girls to start building a youth girl's lacrosse program.

As the Aquatic Facility expansion gets underway, they will continue to explore what types of additional aquatic programming will be added for the facility is ready to open.

After further conversations with members of the Community regarding fitness class offerings, a few items that were noticeable is the lack of class time offerings for people who work a traditional 8-5 job. Jazzercise has the prime 7pm class time in 3 of the studios 4 Monday thru Thursday. The majority of the Spinning, and Yoga classes are offered during a traditional work day. A follow-up meeting with Community Center Managers will be planned.

A few ideas to better market our Community Center and programs include promoting our Child Care Facility, this is a gem that most other clubs in the area do not offer for parents when they are working out or attending a class. In addition it was recommended that the Recreation Department have their own Facebook page or really

work on posting more on the City's page and get the number of followers up so more people are looking at it to see all that we offer. It was discussed about sending our more email blasts that are shorter so they just highlight one or two items instead of everything in a once a month email. It was also brought up that other cities have a central location where all the programs offered by Community Organization are all promoted in one activity book that would include offerings at the Community Center, Human Services, Center for the Arts, Brecksville Theater and the Library so people could just look in one locations to see all the offerings instead of having to seek out each individual organization.

The Facilities Committee, Bob Ganley, Joe Zenir, Pat Barth met with Tom Tupa, Jack Abbruzzese, Jim Kolesar and Meg English to discuss the current facilities. It was discussed that the fields are being utilized close to 100% of the time when the weather is decent, and of that time 95% is by City organizations, and 5% is by others. The facilities in general are in good condition. City Hall facilities need the most work, including some regrading to help with the drainage issues, and the fences are in need of a large amount of work. The day to day maintenance of the field is great with what they have to work with. Plans are in place for renovations and improvements but monies is needed for the work to be done. The committee is planning to meet again to come up with a priority list of what needs to be done. Both Committees will be working on a written recommendation to be presented to the Recreation Commission and then passed along to the Recreation Department and City Administration.

### **CVYO:**

Baseball season is off to a slow start due to the weather, but the fields have been in wonderful condition when they have been able to get out. Jack, Jim and Richie have been in constant contact with Meg about which fields have been playable.

### **BSA:**

This past weekend was the BSA Memorial Scholarship fundraiser. This fundraiser raised over \$4,000 that will be awarded to two High School Senior Soccer players in the names of Chuck McClucky and Tony Niccoli.

Outdoor soccer season has begun. The lower field has been wet and took some abuse over the weekend, so it might need some attention to keep it in good condition throughout the season.

### **Run 4 Your Life:**

The spring session of Run 4 Your Life workouts began today. Summer workout registrations are open. The 5K Home Run Race will be held on Sunday July 1, 2018.

### **Other Business:**

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, May 21st at 7:30pm

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Ganley and seconded by Barth to adjourn the meeting at 8:09pm.

Respectfully submitted:  
Carolyn Jatsek