

**BRECKSVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**August 27, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

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

Roll Call was taken.

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

**Members Absent:** none

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion was made by Redinger, seconded by Barth to dispense with the reading of the July 23, 2018 minutes and to approve them as written.

**Mayor's Report:**

The Mayor had asked commission to form 3 committees back in January to review 3 topics and report back to the Mayor by June and is looking forward to the presentation tonight.

The Brecksville Broadview Heights School District hosted a meet the architect night for the Community to come and meet the selected architect for the new elementary school, ThenDesign (TDA). This is the same firm that has been hired by the City to design both the Aquatic Facility and will be hired by the City for the Field House that will be attached to the new elementary school built on Oakes Road. TDA made it clear that not one thing has been drawn up yet for the field house and they want to work with the Community on this project. TDA is very thankful that the City has already taken steps with the EAP and Army Corp for the wetland study to prepare the land for development. TDA is also working on the new school in North Royalton, and this process has just begun and it will take them about a year or year and a half to get this approval, whereas the City should have that approval to move forward around the end of 2018 or very beginning of 2019. Secondly in the planning phase there are some deed restriction on the property, and the City is meeting with the Metroparks to work through these items, and they should be not be a problem. We intend to put a road in that will go from Oakes Road to the Parkway and the beginning and end of the day all bus traffic will enter and exit off the Parkway and all other traffic will use Oakes Road. This is a good solution for both the school and the residents on Oakes Road.

Nothing has been planned for the field house, Commission, members of the Community and the Schools will all sit down with a blank piece of paper and discuss what they would like to see in the building, and they will draw plans based on the input they receive. In the meantime, an initial budget had to be developed, and an amount of \$6 million dollars for the structure itself, and includes 4 full basketball courts, offices, storage, cubbies/lockers and restrooms. In addition, the schools has informally agreed to include in their portion of the building locker rooms, and a large meeting rooms, and a "Cafetorium".

The other part of the deal is what are we getting for Blossom and what is the school getting at Blossom. The school is getting between 20 and 25 acres of land on the site where the City was originally planning to build the pool and field house. There will be plenty of land still left for the other items that were part of the Master Plan for Blossom including more fields, pavilions and possible cemetery. In addition, the City is negotiating with the parks for some use of additional 23 acres between the 2 properties. The City paid \$48,000 per acre for the Blossom Property or about 1.2 million for the part of the property the school is getting, the current County Value for the entire 185 acres of the Blossom property is lower at only 5.9 for the entire piece, which makes the part the schools are being given worth closer to \$800,000. In return for the property at Blossom the schools are giving us the 14 acres down at Stadium with a County valuation of 1.4 million dollars and the 4-

5 acres at Central School which is valued close to \$4 million dollars. The City requested Central school so that the City can maintain control of what happens to the property and the old portion of the building much like it is doing with the VA property. The City can then hire a developer to develop the property and maintain part of the historic building. As part of the deal with Stadium Drive, the schools will be able to continue to use the facility as they do today, which is limited to 2 uses or 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> grade football games. This is a property that the City has asked to have for years, and we intend to improve the facility. Some possible improvements to the facility could include leaving the football field as it is, but add a new track around it, and add a multi-use turf field to the property. The City also has the ability to exercise the rights to the field at Highland Drive school, and first right of refusal for the property at Highland Drive and Chippewa Elementary. At this time, Broadview Heights is not involved in this deal in any way. The students will get to use the facility when school is in session, but after school hours will need City permission. After hours the Cafetorium will not be block off from the field house, but the education wing will be. There will be a shared entrance for both the Cafetorium and the Field House. Broadview Heights' residents feel that their rec programs should have access, but both the City and School lawyers have reviewed the situation and agree that the school belongs to the Board of Education and the Field House belongs to the City of Brecksville, and there is a shared ownership of the parking lot and the utility installations. Further joint discussion will need to be had about the use of the facility. Initially the purpose for the new Field House was for team sports; first recreations, then travel, then schools and rentals and tournaments, not necessarily open for public use all day long. The Community Center is for community use. The intention is that this is an open facility that can be filled with amenities to accommodate many sports, including tennis and volleyball.

In addition to this project, the City is working on the Capital budget for 2019 and looking for any feedback Commission has regarding any capital project for Recreation. The drawing for the Aquatics Facility are finally done, they took a little longer than anticipated, but that is due to some changes that had to made. We are being extremely careful about the mechanicals going into the building. The parking concerns for the Community Center with the Aquatic Expansion have been resolved. There will be new spots added at the Community Center, and in addition the Community Center will have shared parking with the Lutheran Church when the church is not using it for services. The current goal for the project timeline is to be able to open the outdoor pool for next summer's season and the indoor pool that fall.

### **Council Representative Report:**

At the last meeting, Council authorized the Mayor to sign a memorandum of understanding with the schools regarding the field house at Blossom.

A purchase order was approved for \$14,000 for the re-grouting of the Natatorium Pool and spa.

### **Recreation Director Report:**

The annual pool shutdown will begin Tuesday September 4<sup>th</sup> and be closed for 2 weeks. Council also recently approved the purchase and installation of a new scoreboard up at Tony Nicolli Field. All of the electrical is already place as this project had been planned when the field was installed. It will be 5 x 10 scoreboard with a 2x10 panel above and below and will be at the North end of the field outside the fence. In September, the department will be looking for Council approval for the front door project at the Community Center as well as new pool controllers for the indoor pool and spa.

There are still 3 concerts left this year in the summer concert series. Blossom will be held on October 21<sup>st</sup> this year up at Blossom.

Recreation Director Tupa thanked Bob Ganley for his time on the Recreation Commission since this is Bob's last meeting as a Commission Member.

### **Athletic Coordinator's Report:**

Soccer numbers are approaching over 200 kids for ages 3 – U8 for this fall session of the academy. In the past 3 years there has been tremendous growth in this program and we always hear lots of great feedback. This is the second year we are picking up flag football for kids age 11-12 to take over where Southern Hills leaves off for flag, and we have one team again and are partnering up with 6 other Cities to have a league and will host 3 home games on Field E. Fall Coed adult softball began this past weekend and we have 5 teams in the league, and the adult volleyball league will begin in a few weeks. Our fall youth program registrations will begin September 1<sup>st</sup> for residents.

### **BTBA:**

Baseball tryouts are all wrapped up and there were record turnouts this years, especially for girls. This year there are 6 girls' teams instead of the usual 4 or 5. There are boys' teams for ages 8-14, plus one high school team. In addition Batting Cages of Brecksville/Fielder's Choice are bringing their teams under the BTBA umbrella since they have had field support from the City of Brecksville, and will clean up the matter of them getting the support. Dave Boconelli will be doing girls clinics at no charge to help give back to the organization.

Another items that needs commission's support is a change in the agreement for the BTBA. Currently in the CVYO, the original baseball agreement states that 51% of the players need to Brecksville Residents, while the rest of the agreements state at least 51% need to be residents of BBHCSO. The CVYO would like to update this agreement to make it uniform with the rest of them and be at least 51% BBHCSO. As Broadview Heights continues to grow its population, we did not want a restriction on our teams that would hinder our teams.

A motion was made by Barth and seconded by Kern to change the wording in the BTBA agreement to state that 51% of the team must be made up of BBHCSO residents, and was unanimously approved by commission.

### **CVYO:**

There is a new girl's lacrosse clinic coming up on Wednesday evenings September, and we should see some girls flat pitch clinic coming up in the future. Basketball tryouts will be coming up in October and they will be up and running soon.

### **BSA:**

Fall soccer season has begun, and enrollment numbers are good. There was a little issue with Broadview Heights wanting to changes the bylaws of the soccer program to get us eliminated from playing in a league, we are Brecksville Broadview Heights School District to just allow Broadview Heights" residents. The rest of the league is school district and they came back and said not, BBHCSO residents can play on wither team. Since the league was supportive of this request, BSA would like to be able to offer the use of one of the grass fields for a few circumstances when the league needs a neutral field.

Saturday September 8, 2018 is the annual Tony Niccoli Day at the Tony Niccoli Field and there will be soccer all day long. The field is such a gem and BSA will be very happy to see the scoreboard installed. The High School is auctioning off all the old banners and BSA is looking to purchase the soccer ones and is looking for permission to hang them occasionally at the field.

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

Two \$1000 scholarships will be awarded, and \$2000 will be donated to Kick It for Cancer from the funds raised at the Home Days 5K.

### **Other Business:**

The Mayor and other members of the Commission thanked Bob Ganley for all his work as a member of the Recreation Commission. The Mayor is looking for recommendations for his replacement. The Mayor also left the Commission with 2 thoughts to discuss over the next few months.

1. We have cut back on the amount of use the schools get of Tony Niccoli Field already, should their use be cut back even more?
2. Should Broadview Heights' students be able to join the new outdoor pool facility?

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Ganley and seconded by Redinger to adjourn the meeting at 8:48pm.

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, September 24th at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted:  
Carolyn Jatsek

Attachments:  
Recreation Commissions Report to the Mayor  
Existing and revised BTBA agreements