

BRECKSVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION
January 22, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Councilwoman Redinger at 7:30pm.

Roll Call was taken.

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

Members Absent: Kern

Also present: Mayor Hruby, Councilman Harwood, Councilwoman Veras, Tom Tupa, Laura Starosta, Bob Pliske, Jack Abbruzzese, Jim Kolesar, Erin Kubat, Joe Radloff, Tom English, Meg English, Ryan Schmit from TDA, and Carolyn Jatsek

TDA Presentation of the new Aquatic Facility

Ryan Schmit of Then Design Architect (TDA) was introduced by Mayor Hruby to present the design of the new facility. The current budget for the facility is between \$5.5-6.5 Million for both an indoor and outdoor facility. The existing indoor pool is approximately 3,000 sq. ft. and the outdoor pool is approximately 1,700 sq. ft. The new facility will add both an indoor and outdoor facility that will complement the existing architecture of the Community Center and the City building.

The proposed new indoor facility will have approximately 2,900 sq. ft, and is about 40ft. x 80ft. It will be connected to the south west corner of the existing indoor pool. As you enter the area the first there will be zero entry area with splash feature for active play for the littlest kids, then move into a little deeper open water with a toddler slide play structure, then into an open space for older kids to play, including basketball goals on the side, and the far end of the pool will have dual slides that go inside and out with a deck height of about 18ft. The water in the indoor pool will go from zero entry to depths of 3.5-4ft. There will also be an in water seating area towards the deeper end, as well as deck seating space all around the deck. Other amenities of the indoor facility include restrooms, deck showers, a deck office, and a connecting corridor that will also house a concession stand and eating area that will have a more standard air temperature. To the south of the indoor facility will be all the mechanical rooms for both the indoor and outdoor aquatic facility expansion. All of the mechanical equipment will be housed inside and is being design to make maintenance convenient. There will be plenty of access to the mechanical rooms and they will be built to handle the moving of equipment in and out if it should need to be replace. This new indoor facility will frame the new outdoor pool.

The new outdoor pool will be between 9,000-10,000 sq. ft. and will be a multi-use pool with varying features. There will be three lap lanes that will mirror the existing indoor pool lap lanes, that can be used for lap swimming, but will also have many features for open play including a zip line, climbing rock wall,

basketball hoops, and the ability for a water volleyball net to be set up. From there the pool will transition with a resistance stream that can be used by patrons to either mover with the current for play or against the current for workouts. Next to that will be a vortex pool and an in water open seating area. There will be a big open area of water for kids to play and on the north side is a large family slide. As you move towards the shallower zero entry end of the water there will be a bigger play structure, including dump buckets and spray features as well as smaller features in the shallow zero entry area. The depth of the water in the outdoor pool will range from zero entry to an area that will be 8 ft in the one end of the lap lanes to accommodate the feature. In addition to the pool the outdoor facility will include a new entry directly into the pool from the walkway by the parking lot, connected to a lifeguard/first aid office. Along the parking lot there will be a decorative fence as well landscaping that will provide some privacy from the parking lot and 2 rows of lounge chairs. Along the indoor pool there will be tables and chair were patron can enjoy items purchased at the concession area. There is currently a spot for 3-5 cabanas along the north fence. In total there should be room for seating 90-150 outside and approximately 100 indoors.

There will be no new locker rooms, but they are looking to install some small cubbies or lockers at the facility. All of the features and play structures are still being finalized. Conversations had been had about theming the facility, but since the area is so rich with park land, and the decision was made to have it more of a timeless natural look with rocks and plants.

The new outdoor pool will expand into the parking lot enough to lose one to one and a half rows, however when the parking lot expansion is complete, we could gain a minimum of 80 spots, and may gain as many as 180 spots depending on if more land is acquired. The driveway to the Human Services Building will remain untouched.

2018 Recreation Commission Organizational Items

Joe Zenir was administered the Oath of Office by Laura Redinger for his new term as Citizen Member of the Recreation Commission. Nominations were made for the Officers, and Elections were held as:

Chairman - Stucky was nominated by Ganley, seconded by Beaver; approved by Commission, nominations were closed by Ganley, seconded by Barth, and approved by commission

A motion was made by Beaver and seconded by Ganley to elect Stucky as Chairman of the Commission for 2018, and approved by commission.

Vice Chairman – Ganley was nominated by Redinger, seconded by Barth; approved by Commission, nominations were closed by Stucky, seconded by Redinger, and approved by commission

A motion was made by Redinger and seconded by Beaver to elect Ganley as Vice-Chairman of the Commission for 2018, and approved by commission.

Approval of Minutes for August Meeting:

Motion was made by Barth, seconded by Zenir to dispense with the reading of the December 4, 2017 minutes and to approve them as written.

Mayor's Report:

The City is continuing to plan for the next few years regarding playing fields. The Mayor is asking the Recreation Commission to seek data and make recommendations for future project planning that the Administration is considering and present their findings at the June meeting. The three areas Commission is being asked to focus on are playing fields, programs & activities, and uniforms & Equipment. The Mayor ask that each commission members focus on at least one of the three areas and three or four members work on each area. Commission members should use the Recreation Department Administrations as resources. The members of commission do great work, and the City is looking for them to become more engaged as a Commission. When the Blossom master plan was created there was a lot more to it than just a pool and field house so what other areas can we be adding to, and how would a field house change or add to our current programs.

Council Representative Report:

At the last Commission meeting the members asked for a list of capital items pertaining to the recreation department be presented once the budget was approved, Councilwoman Redinger had the list, but confirm that Director Tupa was going to expand on those projects in his report. On January 2, 2018 City Council had their organizational meeting. New Councilman Jack Petsche and Dennis Rose were sworn in and Councilman Harwood was elected President and Councilwoman Redinger was elected Vice President of Council. Additionally many members of commissions were sworn in at this meeting.

At the January 16, 2018 meeting City Council approved a \$5,000 expenditure for repairs to the scorer's booth at the fields behind City Hall. They also approved an ordinance to add a monument on the VA property for Ohio Historical Preservation because the buildings on the property were federal buildings that were over 50 years old. The monument will state that this was the site of a VA hospital, the branches served, and the milestones that achieved there. The buildings on the site were Bradley Buildings, named after General Bradley who was responsible for building VA hospitals. Some of the milestones achieved at this site include, being the first PSD Facility, first to treat anti-gambling, and anti-drug and alcohol treatment, and first hospital with single dose drug dispensing. After two guards were shot and killed at this hospital, then all guards were trained and then armed at all VA hospitals. After the City puts the monument up they will be free to remove the existing buildings from the site. The first new building for the site is currently being planned.

Recreation Director Report:

The Recreation Department has a large amount of capital and non-capital improvement projects planned and budgeted for 2018. Capital items include replacing the Community Center Roof on the main building and the edges of the field house roof. This project is currently in the timeline and scope of work phase. Also in capital for 2018 is to replace the roof on the pavilion at Kids Quarters and all the roofs on the smaller structures at Kids Quarters, replacement of the front doors of the Community Center, Scoring Booth Repairs, and the construction of a comfort station at the fields behind City Hall, which will be similar to the one at Blossom but slightly bigger, and will have 2 unisex stalls with urinals. A new scoreboard will be installed at the turf field up at Blossom, and a new zip line feature will be added at Kids Quarters to replace the one that was removed last year. In the Aquatics department, UV Treatment will be added to the indoor pool and spa, the indoor pool filter will be replaced, and the entire indoor pool and spa will be regouted. Some non-capital items in athletics include the continual edging of fields, a storage bin for dirt, hitting stations at (8x8 pads with nets), and screen and refinish the Blossom Field House. Kids Quarters will be mulch with 100 yards of mulch first thing in the spring, and scoreboards will be added at the Bocce Courts. The athletics department is also looking to purchase new volleyball standards and nets for the Community Center, all new catcher's gear for our youth baseball and softball programs and looking at purchasing a new striper for the fields. Up in the fitness areas, depending on the amount of Corporate Membership funds there are plans to purchase some new spinning bikes, recumbent elliptical and a Versaclimber.

The Community Center had a strong December membership drive. The membership goal for 2017 was \$475,000, and the final for 2018 was over \$502,000. There are several upcoming events in February at the Community Center, including the Father/Daughter Dance on February 3rd from 7-9pm which always sells out. The Mayor will be hosting his annual Conversation with the Mayor on February 20 at 2pm at Human Services and the State of the City on February 21 at 7pm. On Monday February 19, the Community Center will be open 10am-5pm for President's Day.

The Athletic Department is looking to add a new Adult Soccer League this summer. It will be offered on Sundays over the summer for a 7 week season with a tournament at the end. The teams will be for adults 18 and over and will play 8 V 8. The league will consist of 4-8 teams and will have a \$150 registration fee plus an additional \$15 per team weekly fee for the officials. A motion to approve the new program and fees was made by Barth, seconded by Beaver and approved by Commission.

Lastly Tom would like to welcome Joe to the Commission. Joe is a longtime resident and has coached in Brecksville, and will be a great addition to the Commission.

Athletic/Facility Coordinator Report:

Director Tupa had brought up many of the athletic improvements planned for 2018, and the new soccer league. The Athletic Department is welcome to all the input from the committees for the items that the Mayor brought up earlier in the meeting. It was confirmed that the City plans to sign on with the Indians again this year for the Rally Cap program for tee ball, at no additional cost this year. The Indians were impressed with the way our coaches adhered to their program throughout the season.

Aquatic Coordinator Report:

Bob Pliske is looking forward to the Commissions input for plans for the future. He states that the plans for the new Aquatic facility speak for themselves and he is very excited about the new facility. In the meantime there are many improvements and repairs planned for the existing facility this year. The new facility should bring the public to the building, but also staffing should be drawn to the building as a great facility to work at.

A question was brought up by the Commission regarding the time frame for the new facility. Councilman Harwood responded that it will be phased approach, but the mechanicals will be first because they will be needed for either facility to open. They are in the process of coming up with a timeline and should have a better idea in the next couple of weeks.

CVYO:

CVYO baseball, lacrosse and soccer are getting up in gear for the spring. All of the baseball fields have been scheduled with Jim, and they are encouraging their teams to use the fields on the weekends. There is a lot of field time available on the weekends, but sometimes it is hard because the travel teams are out of town then.

BSA:

BSA is moving to their winter 2 indoor season.

Run 4 Your Life:

The 2018 Home Run 5K will be held on Sunday July 1st. Winter sessions are currently going on.

Other Business:

The Commission would like to welcome Joe Zenir to the Commission, and also thank the Mayor for bringing TDA in to present the plans for the new aquatic facility.

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

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Beaver and seconded by Barth to adjourn the meeting at 8:41pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Carolyn Jatsek