

BRECKSVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION
February 26, 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, Redinger, Stucky, and Zenir

Members Absent: None

Also present: Tom English, Meg English, and Carolyn Jatsek

Approval of Minutes for January Meeting:

Motion was made by Beaver, seconded by Redinger to dispense with the reading of the January 22, 2018 minutes and to approve them as written.

Mayor's Report:

N/A

Council Representative Report:

Mayor Hruby has announced that the City will collaborate with the schools for the new elementary building. In exchange for the land at Blossom, the City will receive both the Stadium Drive and Central School Properties. This new development will not effect any of the currently developed land, this would be to the west of the water tower on the Blossom Property. The District wanted to share in this announcement about the City's letter of intent on the collaboration. Please channel any feedback you may hear regarding the topic to the Mayor's Office. The next phase of the Rt. 82 project has begun this week, please be patient as this job is completed over the next 4 months or so.

The second of three readings of key legislation for the VA property has occurred, including the City's acceptance of the deed from the Federal Government and legislation to approve the memorandum of understanding between the CIC and the Developer. The Developer will pay all remediation costs and will have two years to clean up the land with the intent to be developed over ten years.

The Aquatic Facility additions is a couple of weeks from finalizing the mechanicals. Chairman Stucky asked that all commission members send a list of positive feedback and concerns to him regarding the aquatic facility that he will then channel up to Director Tupa.

The Community Center Roof Project is scheduled to begin next month and will cover the flat parts of the roofs over the fitness area, and along the sides of the field house and leading towards the natatorium. The cost for this project was \$514,000.

Recreation Director Report:

The Front Desk, Building Supervisors and Aquatic Staff all had area meetings this past Sunday to just review some upcoming registration date information, and have a quarterly staff meeting. The full time staff and some part time staff members have recently completed some intruder and stop the bleed trainings put on for them by our Police and Fire Departments and some follow information was also shared with staff at these meetings.

The Father Daughter Dance was held in the beginning of the month and was sold out to our biggest crowd yet, and in the end of March the Community Center will be hosting both an Aqua Egg Hunt, and a Visit with the Easter Bunny event.

This Thursday, March 1st begins our summer program registration for Baseball, Softball, Tennis, Summer Camp, Spring LTS, Adult Bocce, Coed Softball & Soccer. Summer Aquatic Program registration will begin April 1st.

Mayor's Project Updates:

At the January meeting, the Mayor had asked the commission to look at the current programs and facilities and make recommendations regarding the programs, facilities, and any needs or concerns. Over the last month the Commission members have formed committees to look into some of these items. At the February meeting, some of the committees shared some of their initial findings. Commission members Beaver and Kern had looked into programming and met with Rhonda Miko, Fitness Coordinator, Bob Pliske, Facility & Aquatic Coordinator, Erin Kubat, Assistant Aquatic Coordinator, and Jack Abbruzzese Athletic Facility Coordinator and Jim Kolesar, Athletic Programming Coordinator to discuss current where we are and where we could possible expand. Rhonda feels that the fitness classes are a good offering and have good attendance and does not feel we are missing anything. Some of the athletic feedback shows that some changes in how we sign-up may need to occur. Some cities make it more conducive to being able to be on the same team, but with our staggered registration dates, not everyone can sign up at the same time. After speaking with the three main areas, the feel the pool is the biggest area to build on in the next year or so. Some areas include private lesson- many families ask for them, and with the additional pool space we will be able to offer more of them, increase the programming in the new facilities, and offer more American Red Cross Training Programs. After some discussion amongst the Commission, this committee is going to further look into a few more ideas and get some Community feedback as well.

The committee also looked into demographics and according the most current census reports 50-64 year olds make up the largest percentage of our community with 26%, school aged 24%, 65+ 20%. This being the case maybe programmed towards the 50-65 age population should be re-evaluated and built upon.

The facilities committee is going to have their first meeting on March 1st at 7:30pm to look mostly at playing fields and will make sure they consider the Stadium Drive facilities as a possible acquisition if the Bond Issue passes for the new elementary school. In addition to the number of the fields they will also be looking at the conditions of the fields as well as the perceived condition of the fields by the community. In addition Chairman Stucky would like to set up a tour of the Community Center with Director Tupa for all the commission members to walk through all areas of the Community Center to see how it is maintained.

CVYO:

A baseball/softball skills clinic will be offered again this year for all athletes ages 8 and up who are registered for Brecksville Recreation summer baseball and softball programs. Any travel coaches who are interested in helping with this clinic should contact Meg.

BSA:

BSA will begin their outdoor season March 26th.

Run 4 Your Life:

The spring session of Run 4 Your Life workouts will begin April 10th, registration is currently open for that session. The 2018 Home Run 5K will be held on Sunday July 1st.

Other Business:

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

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Barth and seconded by Beaver to adjourn the meeting at 8:43pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Carolyn Jatsek