

BRECKSVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION
January 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes

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

Roll Call was taken.

Members present: Barth, Firestone, Kern, Moleski, Redinger, and Zenir

Members Absent: Beaver

Also present: Recreation Director Tom Tupa, Jim Kolesar, Jamie Mewhinney, Meg English, Bob Pliske, Pat Rubitino, and Carolyn Jatsek

2020 Recreation Commission Organizational Items

Jeff Firestone 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 of the Recreation Commission, and Elections were held as:

Chairman – Redinger was nominated by Barth, seconded by Kern; approved by Commission, nominations were closed by Redinger, seconded by Moleski, and approved by commission

A motion was made by Kern and seconded by Moleski to elect Redinger as Chairman of the Commission for 2020, and approved by commission.

Vice Chairman – Kern was nominated by Redinger, seconded by Moleski; approved by Commission, nominations were closed by Redinger, seconded by Zenir, and approved by commission

A motion was made by Redinger and seconded by Moleski to elect Kern as Vice-Chairman of the Commission for 2020, and approved by commission.

Approval of Minutes for December 2018 Meeting:

Motion was made by Redinger, seconded by Kern to dispense with the reading of the December 2, 2019 minutes and to approve them as written.

Council Representative Report:

Council has recently approved legislation to issue notes for the Blossom Hill Field House Development and to purchase mitigation credits for the Nature Conservation.

Recreation Director Report:

Director Tupa thanked Brian Stucky and Dominic Caruso for their years of service to the Recreation Commission and welcomed Jeff Firestone and Andy Moleski to the Commission. Dates for the 2020 Meetings of the Recreation Commission were passed out to all members for their records, as well as a copy of the 2019

Recreation Department Annual Report which is an overview of the Department. The Recreation Departments has budget the following items in its capital budget for 2020: Special Events Trailer, Replacement Divider Curtain for the Community Center Field House, Kids Quarter Feature, Bunker Rake, and a new projector. In addition the Service Department will be doing work on the Pavilions at Kids Quarters.

The Community Center is looking for the Recreation Commission approval for a new pass type for non-members who come as guest to the Community Center to work out with their Personal Trainer. This pass would allow them to come into the facility for the appointment time only. In addition to this fee, the Center also collects a \$7 per appointment fee from each personal trainer. This new pass would cost \$30 for 5 visits. A motion was made by Barth and seconded by Redinger to recommend this new pass type to City Council for their approval.

Director Tupa mention that the renderings for the new Aquatic Expansion Project were on display in the front of the room for Commission Members to view, and ask any question. He reported that the project is on time according to the contractor. There was a one day power shutdown last Friday so that the new transformer could be installed.

Athletic/Facility Coordinator Report:

Basketball is wrapping up in the next few weeks, followed by some tournaments. After the completion of the season, the Athletics Department will be meeting with the coached to evaluate the program, to make sure we are doing all we can to keep the kids coming back year after year. There are currently 45 kids signed up for the peewee basketball program for kids aged 5-8, and we expect more registrations before the program begins.

CVYO:

Meg English gave a brief overview of the CVYO for the new members of Commission. CVYO is an arm for travel for the City of Brecksville. Meg runs the travel baseball program, and oversees the CVYO which includes baseball, basketball, soccer, and lacrosse. Football is looking to come under the umbrella as well at this time. The timing make sense with the Stadium Drive facility coming under the City's control, it would allow football access to the facilities. The football was under private control, but mostly used the Stadium Drive and High School facilities for practices and games. The use of the City Facilities are prioritized with Recreation programs first, second is CVYO, third is residents, and then any 3rd parties looking for facilities.

Other Business:

During Commission Roundtable, Moleski asked if there were any plans to address some of the drainage needs for the fields. It was stated that City Hall had some

drainage added to Field A last fall, dirt was added to low spots on most fields. In addition Meg mentioned that this season they were trying to accommodate baseball one day a week on the turf.

Facility and Aquatics Coordinator Pliske spoke regarding the excitement of all the great amenities the City is adding with the new Aquatic Expansion, and with it the challenges of getting it up and going. The Aquatics area has been proactively training, and recruiting staff members in anticipation of the opening of the additional pools, and working on potential programming and schedules for the pools. Commission member Kern asked if when planning the schedule it was being taken into consideration to have time for young kids to swim in the morning so they can have time to enjoy the facility before a typical early afternoon naptime. Pliske responded that by having more pools available, there will be less closed times, and they are trying to keep the needs all everyone in mind as they plan the schedule, and realize that the first year will be a work in progress trying to find the right balance for scheduling and staffing requirements. The outdoor pool lighting will also allow for nighttime use of the outdoor pool.

Resident Pat Rubitino or 8477 Wiese Road was in attendance to express her concerns regarding the large increase in the non-resident student guest pass that was put into effect this year. Director Tupa mentioned that when looking at the rate increases they looked around at surrounding communities to see where their guest rates were at. He mentioned that the rate increases were needed to help cover the increasing cost of running the facilities. Mrs. Rubitino's concern was that the guest pass rate more than doubled and when bringing multiple guest to the facility, it has gotten costly. Director Tupa pointed referred to some guest pass options coming forward this summer with the opening of the new Aquatic Expansion, such as a one week unlimited guest pass for \$25, and a 7 visit guest pass for \$45, which would pass along a cost savings over paying the full guest rate each time.

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

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Redinger and seconded by Kern to adjourn the meeting at 8:11pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Carolyn Jatsek