

BRECKSVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION
June 22, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The Recreation Commission Meeting was called to order by Councilwoman Redinger at 7:30pm. Please note this meeting was held via teleconference for members of the Commission, and the Recreation Department, and was live streamed for on Facebook live for the public to hear.

Roll Call was taken.

Members present: Firestone, Moleski, Redinger, and Zenir

Members Absent: Barth, Beaver and Kern,

Also present: Director Tom Tupa, Meg English, Jim Kolesar, Jamie Mewhinney, and Carolyn Jatsek

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Redinger, seconded by Zenir to dispense with the reading of the May 18, 2020 minutes and to approve them as written.

Council Representative Report:

Councilwomen Redinger reported that at the June 2nd Council Meeting, Council approved \$4,900 for work on the chiller unit at Human Services, and approved an increase in the recreation refund po for \$36,783, which brings the total amount available for refunds \$40,000. The Finance Department, Mayor, and City Council are keeping an eye on the Recreation Budget, and making adjustments to it as needed. Some of the revenue budget line items that have been reduced include membership, room rentals, and guest passes, and expenditures were also reduced due to reductions and cancellations of programs. The recreation budget will continue to be reviewed and adjustments will be made based on recommendations from Director Tupa.

At the June 16th meeting \$57,540 was approved for HVAC piping work for Building #7 (the school) at Blossom.

Recreation Director Report:

Recreation Director Tupa, stated the Community Center has been running well since it opened with no issues thus far. The Cleaning is going well, and being done often. The showers are still closed, but the Field House recently opened with limitations of 1 person per hoop. The daily usages is about 50% of what is typical for this time of year. Kids Quarters is now open, as well as the playground at Blossom with signage about social distance, and cleaning protocols in place. The main pavilion at Kids Quarters is coming along and should be completed by the beginning of July, and then they will be moving on to the smaller pavilion

structures, with a completion in the beginning of August. The Aquatic Center is continuing to progress along, the large play feature has been installed in the outdoor pool, and they are working on the ones in the indoor pool. The majority of the pool furniture and concession equipment has been received. The most current schedule is showing the outdoor pool being completed in August and the indoor pool in October. At this time no opening dates have been decided. The pathway connecting the church parking lot to the Community Center parking lot has been staked off, and service is planning to working on that later this summer after the complete a few other projects.

Current refund requests are a little under \$25,000 for spring and summer programs. Council has approved \$40,000 so we are in good shape.

Programs are going well, Athletics will give an update shortly. The outdoor restrooms continue to be open only during recreation programing times, and are cleaned according to guidelines. There are no concessions this summer at the fields. Director Tupa thanked the Athletic Department for all their hard work on the fields and ground with the limited staff they have this summer.

Athletic/Facility Coordinator:

The new curtain has been installed in the Community Center Field House, Kids Quarters area has been mulched, and programming has been going well. This summer's staff is limited, but they have been doing a great job prepping fields and cleaning the restrooms, and dugouts during use.

The Soccer Academy has begun for summer, postponed from spring. There are about 143 kids this summer down slightly from the usual 175. Justin Thacker has been doing a great job keeping the kids busy, and social distant. Parents seem happy to have their kids out doing something, and are happy with how the program is going. The U8 program is slightly different this session with more of advance academy format Friday nights on the turf, instead of the usual 4v4 combined with Shaker Hts.

Tennis numbers are up this summer with a weekly average between 35-55 participants. Many families are signing up for multiple weeks since this is one of the few activities available for kids to do. We are partnered with Center Court again this year, and the instructor, Evan, is doing a good job keeping the kids upbeat and social distant.

Fall program registration for Soccer Academy and Flag Football for grades 3-4 and 5-6 will begin July 1st. It is still too early to know what fall sports will look like this fall.

CVYO Report:

Meg English stated that the travel baseball and softball season is going well, the field conditions have been excellent, and all the work with the limited field staff is greatly appreciated. As usually they are receiving many compliments about our

facilities. The COVID plan is going well. Meg has personally been at the games collecting COVID waivers from everyone on our fields including visitors and umpires. For the most part people are very cooperative and just happy to be out on the fields, a few people have voiced their complaints, but they are all complying with the rules. The COVID form for CVYO has been sent out to all sports to adjust it for their needs as well, including Lacrosse, Run 4 Your Life and Basketball.

All in all the season is going well, and travel is being respective to working within the City's budget for field maintenance and trying to be flexible and combine games to one facility if possible to cut down on the employees needed at games. Tryouts for the 2021 and BTBA is working on firming up plans for tryouts. BSA tryouts for the fall season had good numbers, higher than for the spring tryouts, which is encouraging for fall sport numbers. Looking into the fall, Meg will continue to be working with all the different sports and coordinating with Jim and Jamie on field usage as lacrosse, fall baseball, and soccer all will be looking for field time. Basketball will be looking to start closer to October, at this time it is unknown if the schools will allow practices to occur in their buildings.

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, July 27 at 7:30pm.

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Redinger and seconded by Zenir to adjourn the meeting at 7:56pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Carolyn Jatsek