



**Monday, April 28, 2025 7:30pm
Recreation Commission Minutes**



Members Present: Ganim, Gawlik, Hanna and Lazaridis

Members Absent: Briggs, Boulware, and Brubaker

Also Present: Luis Pena, Jamie Mewhinney, Rhonda Miko, Brian Kardos (CVYO), Mary Ellen Mauser (BTBA) and Carolyn Jatsek, AJ Ganim, Rachele Engle

Minutes:

Approval of March 31, 2025 Minutes; Motioned by Ganim, seconded by Gawlik

Council Report:

Council recently approved the purchase of a new slide pad for the outdoor pool family slide, which is scheduled to be installed before the season begins. The Memorial Day parade will step off at 11am this year. See Kristen Kouri if you are interested in being involved. City just recently launched its new website last week.

Director's Report:

Thank you to City Council for approving the new slide pad, it will be installed as soon as we have 3 dry days in a row for installation. The plan is for the outdoor pool to open on Memorial Day weekend. As Councilman Ganim mentioned the City's new website with Civic Plus launched last week. Thank you to the administration and Jinny Farr for all their hard work on the new website. The Aqua Egg Hunt was sold out again this year. Thank you to the Aquatic staff for all their hard work in the pool and at the egg shop. The Visit with the Easter Bunny was sold out again this year as well. Thank you to the Human Services Center for the use of their facility for the event. The Annual BBHHS Physic Class Cardboard Regatta was held last Friday at the Natatorium, and the Community Center hosted all the students and parents for the event. Saturday Night BBHHS held the after prom at the Community Center. They had held it here in the past, but it had been awhile and they decided to bring it back. There was good décor and a fun events for the kids. Thanks to all who helped! Luis will begin his summer Training May 5th. Home Days will be June 20-22nd. We will be asking members of Recreation Commission to help with the Bounce House supervision on Saturday and Sunday from 4-7pm.

Athletic Area Report:

Little Hitters is going strong on Sunday evenings at the Field House. Victoria Eder is doing a great job. We adjusted the program dates to accommodate her schedule since she is the head coach of Hudson HS Softball Team. Brecksville Soccer Academy started this weekend, with approximately 260 kids enrolled. Baseball and Softball have about 160 kids in kid pitch leagues. Coaches meeting were held last week and practices begin tonight. Tee Ball and Coach pitch currently have about 225 kids enrolled, with registration open through May. The season will begin in June. We are wrapping up the hiring for camp and then will work on some housekeeping items to get ready for the summer. Pickleball and Tennis lesson registrations are currently open for registration.

Aquatic Area Report:

The spring session of lessons ended last week, and the spring swim clinic ends this week. Pre-season Belugas Clinic begins next week. Synchro will continue to practice through mid-June. We are waiting for dry weather to install the slide pad so we can fill and then begin the training.

We are planning to open the outdoor pool Memorial Day weekend, and continue a pre-season weekend schedule until school is out. The regular season will begin Wednesday June 4th staying open until 8pm daily. Guards will begin training outdoor as soon as the pool is ready. Just a reminders Lifeguards do replace parental supervision. Last summer there were 4 incident reports from where a parent was nearby compared to the much larger pile where there was no parental supervision. Please make sure you watch your child while they are in the water.

A question was asked about the slide pad, Luis reported that this is the second time the pool pad is being replaced. The first time was under warranty, and this time it is being replaced by a different type of pad that can be repaired if needed as opposed to being replaced. We have replaced a smaller pad in the activity pool with this style and have been happy with the results so far.

CVYO Report:

Spring sports are in full swing. BTBA is underway as well, when the fields are not under water. We have been trying to juggle practices around to share the turf so both BSA and LAX have practice time. We continue to hope for drier weather.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Thank you to everyone who responded to the email regarding Recreation Commission Organizational Priorities. Discussion was had about some of the responses and looking forward to how the Commission can more helpful to the department. Action items that came out of the discussion include:

*Propose new meeting day and time

*Use the Recreation Commission as a sounding board

*Long Term Goal Setting – Currently the department does not have any capital budget so all projects are on hold.

*Quasi project managers of certain items. Use Commission members to go out and bring information back to the department instead of just voting on what the department brings to the commission.

Public Comments:

Mary Ellen Mauser thanked the Recreation Department for hosting the High School Physics Department Cardboard Regatta again this year. She also mentioned Sweet Home, NY as a field to look at as we look towards new fields. They just put in a new turf baseball/softball combination field back-to-back that can also be used as a full-size soccer and lacrosse field.

Adjournment:

Motioned by Ganim, seconded by Gawlik at 8:21pm

Respectfully submitted by Carolyn Jatsek