MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 25, 2014 MEETING OF THE BRECKSVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION

Chairperson Brian Stucky called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Roll Call: Members present: Brian Stucky, Nanci Schlabig, Don Lastoria and Bob Ganley. Recreation Commission Council Representative Laura Redinger. Also present: Recreation Director Tom Tupa. Brecksville residents also present: Meg English. Absent: Pat Barth and Candice Beaver.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF July 28, 2014

A motion was made by Don Lastoria and seconded by Laura Redinger to dispense reading of the minutes and to approve as presented. Motion carried.

REPORT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:

Council Representative Laura Redinger reported that bids for the service garage were opened and approved. Construction will be at Old Stadium Drive with one building housing the Service Dept. and Horticulture Dept. The Police Dept. is in process

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Tom Tupa reported the following:
Summer programs are done. ADA lifts are in both pools and the new carpet has been installed in the game room. Fitness rooms being screened at the end of September. The fences at Kids Quarter's are being painted. Abbreviated pool hours until Labor Day because of lack of life guard staff. Outdoor pool will close after Labor Day. Week of Sept. 8 indoor pool will be shut down for one week for maintenance. Recreation Baseball is down a little.

OLD BUSINESS:

Meg reported an update on the conversation with Brad Toman. After discussion with Pete Kormo, based on number of players in both Recreation and Travel Baseball, we do not have enough field time to allow for more travel teams. The contract between the BTBA and the city states one team per age group. If a change were to ever be considered, it would be to add teams at the lowest age group. Mr. Toman was notified of this by mail.

New Business-

Based on Tom's comment regarding numbers going down in Recreation Baseball, a healthy discussion began on looking into changes for our baseball program. Don Lastoria inquired as to why we aren't teaching the fundamentals of baseball and the philosophy to the younger kids. Learning where to throw the ball when it is hit to you, 3 strikes and you are out etc. Laura Redinger also brought up the idea of going to an "Academy type" of program for the younger kids similar to that of the soccer program. It was suggested that Pete Kormos come to a recreation meeting to give us an overview of the baseball program.

CVYO:

BTBA-

Meg English. Tryouts are complete.

BSA-

Tony Nicoli thanked the Recreation Commission for all their support. The BSA is in its' 8th year. Five (5) freshman girls started Varsity last year and they all had been in the BSA. The program is very successful. Numbers are down, but School enrollment and other programs could be affecting the BSA numbers.

RUN FOR YOUR LIFE-

Brian Stucky reported the Run For Your Life program will begin again in the winter.

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Laura Redinger to adjourn and seconded by Brian Stucky. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Nanci Schlabig
For Kelly McNeill
Clerk of Commission