



**Monday, June 23, 2025 7:30pm
Recreation Commission Minutes**



Members Present: Boulware, Ganim, Gawlik, Hanna and Lazaridis

Members Absent: Briggs and Brubaker

Also Present: Brian Kardos (CVYO), Rachele Engle and Carolyn Jatsek

Minutes:

Approval of May 19, 2025 Minutes; Motioned by Ganim, seconded by Lazaridis

Council Report:

Thank you to everyone who attended and assisted with Home Days Event. Home Days was another successful event. Thank you to everyone who made this possible, especially the Recreation Commission Members who assisted with the Bounce House. The Route 21 Construction project began this morning, please drive safe.

Director's Report:

Thank you to everyone who helped at the Bounce House. There Horticulture building also housed the face painter and balloon person, Rec games and the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad interactive display.

We have lots of art classes being offered in July and August. We are also offering two different art camps for kids this summer M-Thursday. The first one has 8 kids enrolled and there is a second one in July. We are also offering to sessions of the American Red Cross Babysitting class this summer, being taught by Lifeguards Ava and Emma.

Rhythmic Gymnastics is offering two free parent tot free trials, last week we had 7 kids, there is another free class this upcoming weekend, and then there will be a 6 week class offering at Blossom Hill Field House.

Based on feedback from parents, the Recreation Department met with BSA to discuss an offering for kids that have completed the Soccer Academy, but do not want to play travel. The Recreation Department will be adding one U9 Boys and one U9 Girls Team, and participate in a Recreation Soccer League.

Athletic Area Report:

Baseball, Softball, Coach Pitch and Tee Ball are all underway for the season. Summer Camp is full for all weeks, and we were able to get enough counselors to be able to open extra spots for most weeks. Tennis camp for youth and adults are underway. Adult classes have been expanded to accommodate more participants. We will be offering up to one U9 Boys and one U9 Girls soccer team this fall, registration is currently open. Adult Bocce League will begin in late summer at the new courts up at Blossom Hill. Adult Softball has a few weeks left in the season.

Aquatic Area Report:

Luis sent a message for Recreation Commission:

The has been a busy, hot and sweaty summer, thank a lifeguard when you see them!

Fitness Area Report:

Barre class has added a Friday lunch time that began June 1st. Beginning July 1st, there will be a separate Pulse 128 Pass for Barre, and it will no longer be part of the Fitness/Spinning pass.

CVYO Report:

Soccer and Lacrosse have completed their spring season. BTBA is in full swing, and has started to post tryouts for next season's teams. There will be a fall sports field scheduling meeting in the next few weeks.

Old Business:

Chairman Ganim and Director Engle have had some further conversations with the Mayor about the Liaisons and he likes the ideas. The notes from the last Recreation Commission meeting have been reviewed and we have worked to narrow the areas, now we need to define the metrics. The seven areas are:

- Blossom Hill Field House
- Fields
- Aquatics
- BCC/Fitness
- CVYO
- Kids Quarters, tennis courts, pickleball courts, bocce
- Special Events/Community Events

The biggest focus will be on experiential not operational, more like the smoking situations that was brought to commission and cleanliness, offering of new programs.

The Recreation Department gets feedback on a daily basis, but this would be more of the big picture feedback. We are looking for people to bring notes from the sidelines back to the Commission and the Department. The current idea is to have one person assigned to each area listed above. For next meeting we are looking for the commission members to bring back ideas of some measurables.

A suggestion was made by the Commission that some type of ID is issued for people are they are "working".

New Business:

None

Public Comments:

None

Adjournment:

Motioned by Ganim, seconded by Gawlik at 7:57pm

Respectfully submitted by Carolyn Jatsek