



**Monday, August 25, 2025 7:30pm
Recreation Commission Minutes**



Members Present: Briggs, Brubaker, Ganim, Hanna, Lazaridis

Members Absent: Boulware and Gawlik

Also Present: Mayor Kingston, Luis Pena, Brian Kardos (CVYO), Rachele Engle and Carolyn Jatsek

Minutes:

Approval of June 23, 2025 Minutes were tabled due to lack of quorum voting.

Mayor's Report:

The service department cleaned the tennis courts this week. The dark color-asphalt is bleeding through, but the courts are clean.

Council Report:

At the last Council meeting, we welcomed a new Police Officer who will be joining the force in January. The Beautification Awards were also awarded to the winners.

Director's Report:

Kid's Quarters project is progressing, they are planning to begin concrete this week into early September, the Pickleball Courts will be closed until Friday due to the concrete pours. The turf will be installed during the 2 to 3 weeks following the concrete. Snider has finished installing the majority of the playground equipment, they are just waiting on a few small pieces.

The T-shirt contest deadline is September 22nd, and is open to kids ages 1-12 to design the t-shirt for the opening. September 2nd we will begin registration for PeeWee Basketball, Youth Basketball League, and Fall Aquatic Programs. Registration is currently open for Soccer, Lacrosse Clinic and Kids Acting. Booville will be held on Sunday October 26th. Pre-registration for this free event is required and will open on October 1st for Brecksville residents. Thank you to Joe and Luis for a wonderful summer season!

Aquatic Area Report:

Luis provided a handout to Commission with some highlights of the 81 day season from Memorial Day through August 24th. After Labor Day weekend, all the pools will close. The Outdoor pool will be winterized in October. September 2nd -22nd will be the annual shutdown for the Natatorium, Spa and Activity Pool. All three are planned to re-open on September 23rd. Registration for fall programming will begin September 2nd. Learn-to-Swim Programs will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings during October. High School Swim Team practice will begin the last week in October.

CVYO Report:

Football will begin games this weekend. BSA has already started, and the fall Lacrosse season will begin September 2nd. Bees Lacrosse will be working with the City to put on the Clinic on Wednesdays this fall. The City and Bees Travel Basketball met to discuss the upcoming season and upcoming community tournaments.

Old Business:

Chairman Ganim revisited the Liaison conversation. The areas of Recreation were divided up. We are looking for grassroot observations of the quality and experiences at different locations.

This is not about how the department handles operations. We are looking for positive and negative comments, but this is not a complaints department.

We are looking for 3 actions items for each area. This will be a living document to measure experiences for the next year or so. The Mayor noted that the role of the Recreation Commission has evolved over the last 20 or 30 years. He appreciates the Commission wanting to step and do more.

New Business:

None

Public Comments:

None

Adjournment:

Motioned by Ganim, seconded by Lazaridis at 7:51pm

Respectfully submitted by Carolyn Jatsek