MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 27, 2012 MEETING OF THE BRECKSVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION

Recreation Commission Chairman Brian Stucky called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Roll Call was taken. Members present: Pat Barth, Charles Cassaro, Don Lastoria, Recreation Commission Council Representative Rex Mack, Nanci Schlabig and Brian Stucky. Also present: Mayor Hruby, Mike Harwood, Recreation Director Tom Tupa and Clerk of Recreation Commission Kelly McNeill, Athletic Director Pete Kormos, Aquatic & Facility Coordinator Bob Pliske, Assistant Aquatics Coordinator Erin Kubat, Lifeguards/Instructors Liz Sterling and Jaclyn Trecokas, CYVO President Meg English, BTSA member Jerry Shutway, Blossom Hill Advisory Committee Member Tim Harwood and BBHHS Lacrosse Representative Lauren Jirousek Absent: Candice Beaver. Brecksville resident also present: *See attached*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13, 2012

Recreation Director Tom Tupa asked to amend his statement on page 8, paragraph one, line three to read as follows: "….had discussions with Ed Kostyak, the Recreation Director at the City of Independence." And on page 8, paragraph one, line 8 to read "....Ed Kostyack also stated that the track does get used in the mornings and by parents, during their kid's practices, in the evening hours. However the track is rarely used during the summer months." A motion was made by Don Lastoria and seconded by Pat Barth to approve the meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Hruby reported the questions that have been submitted regarding the Proposed Blossom Hill Master Plan will be made available online as they are submitted.

Mayor Hruby reported Aquatic & Facility Coordinator Bob Pliske was asked to respond to a question regarding the Community Center pool usage. Mayor Hruby felt it was important to distribute Bob Pliske's email response to the Recreation Commission because it gives a very good breakdown of program participation and how the pools are operated.

Mayor Hruby reported he gave the State of the City Address last week and he made it clear to the public that the Proposed Blossom Hill Master Plan, which is authored by volunteers, is just that. It is a proposal which the Recreation Commission and the public will be reviewing. Once the questions have been answered and the Commission has had time to interact with the public and come to an agreed upon recommendation, it will then go to the administration which will be carried on to City Council. City Council will then adopt the plan as it is presented. Public comments will be submitted to Council. Mayor Hruby said he told the audience there is no

money in the budget to do any of these projects. He addressed the rumors that are going around town. 1. "The City will be breaking ground next January at the Blossom Hill Facility." This is indeed not true. 2. "The City has set in stone what is going to be built at the Blossom Hill Facility." Again, this is not the case. The City has no idea what will be going in at the Blossom Facility. Mayor Hruby stated the Proposed Blossom Hill Master Plan along with many other projects is on the table for consideration regarding future building projects. Some of those are:

- **The police station**
- **The building on Stadium drive**
- **The Service Building at Blossom**
- **Ongoing storm sewer projects**

Mayor Hruby said City Council will certainly look at the priorities. One of the most important elements is "how is the City going to pay for it?" The City is working on proposals on how to pay for these things. Mayor Hruby stated one of the suggestions brought forward by the advisory committed was to use the funds that would be paid if we continued to have to pay down on a note for the Community Center. The mayor said this is just an example of one way that the City could possibly generate funds to pay for a project like this. Mayor Hruby did not say this is how a project like this would be funded nor did he say this is his recommendation or it was the way Council was leaning. He stated the money that the city will have available, because the notes will be paid off, could be utilized in any way. Whatever the City decides and submits to City Council will be where that money will be proposed. These things need to be explored and it will take time. Mayor Hruby stressed the importance of making things known throughout the community through Council Representatives, City Bulletin etc. This Proposed Blossom Hill Master Plan is simply that, a good starting placing. Mayor Hruby hopes the administration can continue to win back the confidence of the public that they are going to deal with this issue openly and in the end, will do what is in the best interest of the entire community.

<u>COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:</u>
Council Representative Rex Mack reported Mayor Hruby mentioned at the State of the City Address, that the Proposed Blossom Hill Master Advisory report was online and would be available for feedback.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Recreation Director Tom Tupa reported he will be meeting with a contractor to look at the counter tops that are scheduled to be replaced in the Community Center. Once Tupa receives a quote, he stated he will make his recommendations to City Council. Tupa is hopeful that the project will begin soon after.

Chairman Brian Stucky introduced the individuals invited to speak on behalf of the different recreational programs currently available within the City of Brecksville.

- **Bob Pliske (Aquatic programs)**
- **Jerry Shutway (Soccer programs)**
- **Tim Harwood (Basketball programs)**
- **Meg English (Baseball programs)**

Chairman Stucky asked Aquatic & Facilities Coordinator Bob Pliske to speak on behalf of the type of Aquatic programming the city may be looking to add. Stucky felt Pliske has the best handle on the types of aquatic programs the Community is looking for.

Aquatic & Facilities Coordinator Bob Pliske summarized the three following types of aquatic programming that were held this past 2011 Summer season.

1. **Instructional Programming**
   -470 Learn-To-Swim registrations
2. **Recreational/Competitive Swimming**
   -146 Individual Participants on the Brecksville Beluga Swim Team (Over the past 3-4 years there has been an average of 150-175 Participants)
3. **Water Exercise Classes (including Indoor, Outdoor & Therapy Pools)**
   -1,647 Water exercise visits in the course of 6/1/11 - 9/1/11
   ***254 Total Unique Individuals**
   (220 individuals using HS Therapy Pool)
   (34 individuals using Community Center Pools)

***During 6/1/11 – 9/1/11 between the hours of 11:45am and 8:00pm there were 27,000 membership swipes and 2,289 guest passes issued.**

<u>Indoor and Outdoor Pool Usage by hours</u> (does not include time used for home swim meets)

- **-Total Indoor Pool Hours used per week – 102 hours**
  - **-Total Open Swim Hours – 73 hours (72% of weekly indoor use)**
  - **-Total Program Hours – 29 Hours (28% of weekly indoor pool use)**
    - **a. Instructional Swim Program Time – 11 hrs/wk (11% of weekly indoor pool use, 38% of weekly program time) *Per Pliske, these numbers can sway each year.**
    - **b. Competitive Swim (Beluga Swim Team) – 13 hrs/week for 8 weeks (13% of weekly indoor pool use, 45% of weekly program time)**

Per Brian Stucky's question, Bob Pliske said "YES" if an outdoor aquatic facility was put at Blossom, he would hope the Beluga Swim Team would take president over all other competitive swim programs, and be able to utilized it. In response to Mayor Hruby's question, Pliske stated moving the Beluga Swim Team up to Blossom would definitely free up lap time at the Community Center. Mayor Hruby asked Pliske what happens if there is a cold or rainy spell and the team has moved to Blossom. Pliske considers the Beluga Swim Team as an outdoor program. It would continue to be treated as such and if there is inclement weather (thunder & lightening); the swim team would not practice. Pliske feels everyone would benefit by having an additional outdoor pool. (i.e.: lap swimmers, programs, Beluga Swim Team.) Pliske also stressed the importance of exercising caution when growing teams and adding programs if a new facility would open.

Brecksville resident Ray Andrews thanked Bob Pliske for his detailed report. Andrews asked Pliske if the percentage of "open swim" hours would be the same at the new facility. Pliske stated a lot of it would be dictated by the type of facility, how much lap swimming is available, how much time would be dedicated to swim programs and would there be outdoor lighting to be able to extend in to the evening hours. Obviously with a larger facility you can get more programs in, but along with that also comes additional operational costs for staff, facility use etc.

<u>Total Outdoor Pool Hours per week -</u> 68 hours (does not include time used for home swim meets) (*Pliske stated a good rule of thumb is to have no more than 25% of weekly use dedicated to programs)

- **-Total Open Swim Hours – (78% of weekly outdoor pool use)**
- **-Total Program Hours – 15 hours (22% of weekly outdoor pool use)**
  - **-Instructional Swim Program Time – 11 hours/week (16% of weekly Outdoor pool use, 73% of weekly program time)**

Per Brian Stucky's question, Aquatic Director Bob Pliske expressed that out of all of the facilities in the area, the Bay Village pool is a facility that takes care of a lot of the community's needs. He doesn't feel the separate dive well is necessary, but by in large the footprint of that facility seems to be the best one out there.

Stucky reported, based on last month's Recreation Commission Meeting, the following amenities were discussed.

-an area for competitive swimming (10 lanes/25 meters)
-large zero entry area
-splash area with buckets and/or fountains
-deep water well for slides
-a large area for picnic tables, awnings and green space

Nanci Schlabig reported on the Pool Task Force Committee's report from 2003. The specifics of the pool back in 2002 are basically the same as the amenities suggested today. These findings were based on a survey that was sent out to all Community Center members. (Survey attached) Schlabig presented the Recreation Commission the results of this survey so they can be discussed at the upcoming April Recreation Commission meeting. Schlabig presented the commission with the Actual Preliminary Assessment which include the committee's recommendations for filtration systems, pump considerations, chemical systems, gutter systems (Included in the Meeting Minutes.) Also, per the Mayor, these recommendations will be put online. Chairman Stucky asked for copies to be sent to the Recreation Commission. Chairperson Stucky felt it was encouraging to see that the report done in 2002 if very similar to what the Advisory Board came up with for the Proposed Master Plan.

Pliske clarified that the 1645 Water Exercise classes, the Mayor asked about, represents approximately 250 people coming in 1645 times.

Chairperson Brian Stucky asked if there is room, with the current two pools and the addition of the new outdoor pool, to add more competitive swimming. Pliske said it would have to be looked at carefully. Even though there may be more facilities during the summer, many of these competitive programs are year round which would cause a space issue during the winter months. Since we are the home facility for the BBHHS Swim Team and for the Synchronized Swim Team, it would be impossible to house every program. Pliske believes the heaviest use of an outdoor facility would definitely be for the general public. So it is important to make sure there is a balance.

Mayor Hruby also mentioned that maybe the Recreation Commission could ask to get a cost analysis on expanding the current indoor pool at the Community Center, knocking out the glass doors and getting rid of the current outdoor pool. And/or get a cost analysis on just enclosing the current outdoor pool. Mayor Hruby stated because they have preliminary drawings and the area was already measured, it shouldn't take too much to get a price for this. The Recreation Commission thought this would be a great idea and "yes" they would like to have a cost analysis done.

Nanci Schlabig thought this was a great idea, however the commission should not lose sight that the outdoor pool being proposed at Blossom is not just competitive swimming & programs. It is for families to come together and enjoy the sunshine and have a large outdoor facility to go to. Mayor Hruby agreed and said the plan calls for both.

Meg English, BTBA

Meg English reported the BTBA covers both boys' baseball (U8-U18) and girls' fast pitch. For the 2012 Season there are 172 participants. Of the 172 participants, 52% are Brecksville residents, 80% are BBHCSD residents. Additionally during the 2012 Tryouts, 112 participants were turned away due to lack of fields. The BTBA agreed many years ago that they would field only one team per age group, which they have upheld. English stated even these numbers are skewed because the number of older participants could be higher if the BTBA didn't turn them away when they were younger.

Brecksville resident Mark Krusinski asked of the 112 kids who were turned away, how many of these were Brecksville residents? English reported she did not have that number. Councilman Mike Harwood said because of the limited number of teams, there are actually *more* kids from Brecksville who are not serviced who have to go to other communities to play.

Jerry Shutway, BSA

Jerry Shutway gave a brief history of how the Bees SA got started. In the 1960's, 70's and early 80's soccer was a "Community Based" sport. Then in the 1980's & 1990's there was a huge shift to Private Soccer Clubs. During this time, a lot of literature was sent to parents of school age soccer players stressing if they wanted their kids to play in High School, your child must play for one of the club teams. Not only did it cost a great deal more to play on a club team, but it also took away the "Community Feel" for the teams that remained in the area. Because of this, the local teams seemed to diminish. Shutway approached Tony Nicolli about regaining the "community feel" and developing a good, solid program for younger and older kids

alike. Through the BSA, they now have quality teams with experienced coaching. The BSA has been able to have two teams for each age group so they could provide the level of play which can encourage the kids to develop at their own pace. Once these kids graduate out of the Academy and move on to High School, they are "teammates," these are the kids they grew up playing with. The BSA has created opportunity to offer professional coaching at every level. So far the soccer program has not had to turn any kids away, specifically from Brecksville. The biggest challenge for the BSA is finding field space during the winter months. The BSA has continued to grow and is currently at 25 teams. With the increased number of teams, comes an increase in the age of the kids. The older kids need to be practicing on larger practice fields and due to this lack of field space, the BSA has had to rent indoor facility space in North Royalton ($150/hr. which is rented 6 hours per week) and Warrensville ($260/hr. which is rented 3 hours per week). Both of these facilities ran out of space so the BSA was able to find time at St. Michaels. The cost for Indoor Rental alone for the Winter season was $25,000.00 for 19 teams ages U14 & under. Shutway reported the high school teams were added when their season ended and they practiced in the High School gymnasium which is not really appropriate for soccer. The issue with the gymnasium is that it is great for basketball and volleyball because these sports are played with the hands. The problem with playing soccer in the gym is being able to control the ball with their feet on a slippery surface. Shutway stated a rubber-type surface is dangerous and not appropriate for soccer. Shutway believes a turf field is the best/ideal material for soccer play. Within the BSA there are 215 players ages U14 & under and 45 high school players. The Soccer Academy has 120 players ages U5-U8. Sixty-five percent are Brecksville residents. Shutway announced the BSA is planning to implement the TOPS Soccer Program. This is a program that gives younger children with disabilities the opportunity to learn the basics and to be mentored through some of these difficulties. Finally, the BSA offers a mentoring program for those soccer players who have graduated high school students and who want to come back and they teach them how to become coaches. The BSA offers a travel level and a premier program. Shutway reported that there are only two other communities that have this level of play.

In response to Brecksville resident Beth Coronel's question regarding the percentage of non resident's participating within the soccer program, Chairman Brian Stucky stated the BSA is a community based (Brecksville-Broadview Heights only) travel program. Shutway remarked just about every community has a travel program, but only two other communities have the level of play like the BSA offering both travel and premier programs.

Brecksville resident Mark Krusinski clarified the percentage of Brecksville residents' participating in the following:

Soccer – 65% (Brecksville residents) & 95% (Brecksville-Broadview Heights)
Baseball – 52% (Brecksville residents)
Swimming – 100% (Brecksville residents)

Chairman Brian Stucky told Krusinski he could not use the soccer numbers for the Bees Soccer Association program because Bees Soccer was put together by the mayors of Brecksville and Broadview Heights to be a joint program for both communities. Krusinski asked "Is the City of Brecksville spending public money to help subsidize the soccer program?" Stucky said "yes" but the City of Broadview Heights allows the Bees Soccer program to use their fields as they are available and they also run the "Recreational" portion of the Bees Soccer Program. Again this is a joint program with both cities.

Brecksville resident Lauren Jirousek clarified that the Bees Soccer Association was developed to help "feed" the high school programs so BBH kids would not leave to play on premier teams. Shutway confirmed this and stated that kids who were playing at B & C levels before playing with the Bees Soccer program were now getting play time on the JV & Varsity High School teams. If you provide the opportunity with quality training, these kids can achieve everything that the other kids are getting with premier clubs at a lower cost.

Brecksville resident Beth Coronel commented comparing "apples to apples," the swim program has kids going outside of the community because of the lack of facilities. She feels there is also a need to build a sense of community for the swimming program and for those kids entering high school and joining the swim team.

Chairman Brian Stucky invited Mark Krusinski back on April 23, 2012 to report on the program size and number of Brecksville/Broadview Heights kids involved in the swimming program. Stucky reported the Recreation Commission wants to make sure all areas of recreation are being represented so the commission can make the best recommendations to the Mayor and City Council.

Tim Harwood – Lake Erie Travel Basketball

Tim Harwood reported the kids playing on the Lake Erie Travel team must be Brecksville or Broadview Heights residents. Harwood reported that by just having a field house, this would help alleviate over crowding and expand gym time and give the Community Center Field House back to the community. The proposed field house was designed with the following in mind:

- **To improve gym time for basketball practice and games**
- **To allow for baseball and football practice**
- **To allow for Baton twirlers practice**
- **To allow for volleyball play**

Harwood reported Travel Basketball starts in Third Grade (Hot Shots,) which is a separate sponsored travel league that Brecksville hosts at the BBH Middle School. Lake Erie League, Grades 4-6 have travel for both boys and girls. (Two teams each in the boy's league and 1 team each for the girl's league). One hundred percent are Brecksville-Broadview Heights' kids. (Thirty teams total with 8-10 kids on a team - 300 kids.)

Brecksville resident Mark Krusinski asked what the ratio is of Brecksville to Broadview Height's residents in this program. Tim Harwood said it varies by team, but on an average 70% Brecksville, 30% Broadview Heights (this could always swing the other way.) *Currently the travel teams practice and play at the high school gym where they have to pay. Open tryouts typically bring numbers in the upper 20's to 40 kids per age group and kids are turned away.

Stucky directed the Commission's attention to the Proposed Master Plan figures. All the field/court uses for Basketball, football, baseball and soccer, as well as the adult programs, are listed in the book. Currently there are a 110 total teams that could utilize the new facility. Tim Harwood stressed the City needs to use caution when looking to add new programs/leagues/tournaments and revenue opportunities. Need to find that happy medium.

Rex Mack stated the Travel Basketball program is a non-city program similar to USA Swimming. Mack stressed the Commission is trying to assess what are the demands of the Community as a whole. What do our residents want and need?

Meg English stated the City used to handle all of the travel programs. On the baseball side, the City brought together a group of 35ppl to assess the travel baseball program (cost, how it is run, how can it be improved) etc. and through these meetings it was determined that there should be an independent organization running the baseball/fast pitch travel program and the City would handle the Recreational League. Mayor Hruby said the reason for starting a travel league was done out of necessity, not out of the lack of desire. The City could not meet the expectations in providing equipment, travel accommodations, or field space. Not to mention it was a very costly endeavor as well. English stated the soccer program used the BTBA as it's' template to create the BTSA. From this, an umbrella youth programming organization, the Cuyahoga Valley Youth Organization (CVYO) was formed. The idea is for this organization to expand as the City demands to house other programs i.e.: a youth theatre group, a youth art center group, and the Run For Your Life program can all be run under the same type of template. The CVYO owns no facilities and works together with the City. Again, Stucky stressed the goal is for the Recreation Commission to see what is needed to meet the needs of the entire community.

<u>Recreation Programs, Athletic Director Pete Kormos</u>
Athletic Director Pete Kormos started by saying ten years ago there seemed to be a friction/stigma between the travel & recreation teams, but over the past five years this relationship has gotten much better. Kormos believes no team (travel or rec) has the ideal field/court space that they would like to have but both Travel and Recreation leagues try to do they best with what they get. Kormos feels it is important to do what is needed to maintain these relationships between travel sports and recreational sports. Kormos believes these groups need to work, hand in hand, towards the common goal of building strong based programs in our community.

Athletic Director provided the Commission with the number of fields and participants (programs) area communities have. *See Attached. Kormos stated the City of Brecksville only has one and a half basketball courts. (Blossom & Community Center) The Blossom facility houses most of the basketball practices every weekday from 4:30pm to 10pm. We have roughly 20 recreational basketball teams sharing this court time at Blossom and often these teams have to share the half court. We would like teams to get two practices a week, but, teams are limited to one practice a week. Kormos reported sometimes practices and or games have to be played at the Community Center which is not always well received by members of the Community Center. Council Representative Rex Mack asked Kormos if any of

Brecksville's basketball leagues play on a full court. Kormos reported only the 7th & 8th grade teams play on a full court. Usually the first portion of Saturday mornings from 9am-1pm is half court games, allowing (2) half court games at the same time which enables 8 total games from 9am to 1pm. Usually have three games, in the afternoon, playing full court until 4pm or 5pm. Per Brian Stucky, there are currently 620 participants using one and a half courts and the (2) high school courts.

Councilman Mike Harwood reported based on last year's programs there were the following:

Baseball Teams:

- **46 Recreational "Boys" Teams**
- **9 Travel "Boys" Teams**
- **20 Recreational "Girls" Teams**
- **6 Travel "Girls" Teams**
- **101 TOTAL TEAMS**

Baseball Fields:

- **6 City Fields**
- **2 School Fields**
- **8 TOTAL FIELDS for 101 TOTAL TEAMS *which equates to 1 field per 13 teams**

Soccer Teams:

- **21.2 Teams Soccer Academy**
- **11 Travel Boys**
- **11 Travel Girls**
- **43.2 TOTAL TEAMS**

Soccer Fields:

- **5 TOTAL FIELDS (2 of those are "shared" fields at the High School)**

***Equates to 9 teams per field**

TOTAL GYMS: (All programs)

- **110 Various Teams**
- **11 total gyms available between City & School (Only allowed to use 7 gyms) 16 teams per every gym**

Brian Stucky requested to put Pete Kormos' study on "Local Communities Facilities & Participation" and Mike Harwood's "Usage & Participation Study" on the website.

Council representative Rex Mack asked, generally speaking, do the participant's fees for "recreation" programs, cover the cost to offer these programs or are they subsidized by the City of Brecksville? Mayor Hruby stated these "recreation" programs are subsidized by the City. Resident Mark Krusinski asked "what is the percentage breakdown of Brecksville residents registered for Recreation (not Travel) programs?" Athletic Director Pete Kormos did not have that figure. Once again Krusinski stated the Beluga program is 100% Brecksville kids.

Recreation Director Tom Tupa agreed with the fact that 100 % of the Beluga program is Brecksville residents, but he asked what the breakdown of the BBH High School Swim Team is that uses the Brecksville Community Center's pool for its' practices and meets. Krusinski reported 70% are Brecksville residents and 30% are Broadview Height's residents.

Mike Harwood reminded the Commission the important point about the travel programs is, whether they are Brecksville, Broadview Heights or a combination of the two, they are the "feeder systems" for the high school programs. Revenues from the BTBA & BSA registration are used to sponsor camps/clinics put on by the high school coaches. The BTBA has committed to donating $10,000, over a five year period, for the new fields at the high school.

Stucky stated whether it is the recreation league, travel league or community based league, the Commission is trying to get an idea of what is needed in our community.

To Mark Krusinksi's point, Nanci Schlabig said when the Beluga program grew and ran out of space they chose to limit registration to Brecksville residents only. Perhaps that is what the other programs need to do if they are outgrowing their space. Schlabig also expressed that she doesn't like how it seems as though programs are being pitted up against each other. She feels the purpose of these meeting is for the Recreation Commission to gather as much information so they can sit down and represent the "entire" community and make the best possible recommendations. Hopefully, the community will walk away feeling that the Recreation Commission did the best job that they could. From there, the recommendations will go to City Council and the Mayor.

Chairman Brian Stucky reported the next meeting on March 26th will be to discuss the field house. Anyone who would like to talk about the Field House should be in attendance. Stucky reiterated that the questions that have been submitted via the website, will be answered by the Blossom Hill Facility Development Advisory Board. Once answered, those questions and the answers will both be posted on the website.

Brecksville resident Mark Krusinski asked who will be paying for the development of the Blossom Hill property. Council Representative Rex Mack reported the finance portion of this development has not been discussed. Mayor Hruby stated the City of Brecksville purchased the additional land at Blossom for $4 million.

Brecksville resident Margaret Ritzman stated she hopes a "Feasibility/Usage" study will be done which will look at the demographics of the community.

<u>Lacrosse – Lauren Jirousek</u>

Brecksville resident Lauren Jirousek reported the high school lacrosse program has grown from 27 boys, six years ago to a total now of 145 players between the boys' and girls' teams. The Lacrosse team is now the largest sport at the high school. The growth has been incredible. Very proud of where they have been and where they are going. There is an alumni association, three boys (past players) are helping coach at the high school level and two girls (past players) are currently playing lacrosse for Baldwin Wallace College. Supporters of the lacrosse program along with two of the lacrosse coaches contacted Pete Kormos about five years ago to discuss possible support from the City of Brecksville. The lacrosse group ended up approaching the City of Broadview Heights and they brought in Woody Calleri and the Burning River Academy. Over 500 kids participated last summer in the Burning River Lacrosse Camp. The BBH lacrosse coach has also provided a few summer clinics for the girl's lacrosse program. Again, Jirousek reiterated the Lacrosse program is not really looking field space. In fact Dan Kalinsky has committed the field at Old Stadium is now the Lacrosse field. The Lacrosse program is really not looking for field space; they are looking for help in building, coordinating and supporting a "feeder" program, one that is instructional and one that teaches the fundamentals. Of course the program could use field time; especially at the turf field at Blossom. But it is understood that there are fencing issues. Jirousek reported approximately 72% of the Lacrosse participants are Brecksville residents. In response to Rex Mack's question there are currently 82 boys and 63 girls.

Mayor Hruby reported the synthetic turf field at Blossom is lined for Lacrosse. However, when St. Ignatius played Toledo on the turf field, they found out the fencing is too wide for Lacrosse play. But SW Franks said if the City of Brecksville would like to begin a Lacrosse program and or sponsor a tournament, they would help with purchasing the netting.

Chairman Brian Stucky asked Lauren Jirousek to forward all of the information she presented to him as well as any questions she might have.

Nanci Schlabig and Candice Beaver wanted to make sure everyone, who has provided an email address, in the City of Brecksville has an opportunity to comment on the Blossom project. Schlabig said the website is great, but sometimes something has to be "dropped in to your lap" in order for you to respond. With this being said, Schlabig and Beaver developed a (4) question survey to be sent along with a cover letter to everyone registered at the Community Center asking for feedback. Mayor Hruby stated this survey could also be put in the upcoming City Bulletin.

Brian Stucky thanked everyone for coming. There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Don Lastoria and seconded by Council Representative Rex Mack to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Kelly McNeill
Clerk of Commission

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OF THE FEBRURY 27, 2012 RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

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