

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2011 MEETING OF THE BRECKSVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION

Chairperson Nanci Schlabig called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Roll Call was taken. Members present: Pat Barth, Candice Beaver, Charles Cassaro, Recreation Commission Council Representative Rex Mack, and Nanci Schlabig. Also present: Recreation Director Tom Tupa, Clerk of Recreation Commission Kelly McNeill and Athletic Director Pete Kormos. Brecksville residents also present: Meg English, Joe Kosek, Mary Ann & Mark Krusinski. Absent: Don Lastoria and Brian Stucky.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 22, 2011

A motion was made by Rex Mack and seconded by Charles Cassaro to dispense reading of the minutes and to approve as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:

Council Representative Rex Mack announced the following dates:

- Sunday, October 16, 2011 Bicentennial Cemetery Walk. (Tour of the Brecksville Cemetery and Scavenger Hunt.) Will talk about the notable individuals buried at the cemetery.)**
- Sunday, October 23, 2011 at 6:30pm the Bicentennial Memorial Obelisk Dedication followed by a brief fireworks display**
- Brecksville Little Theater will be presenting the play "Mr. Roberts,"**

The City of Brecksville hired a new law director Dave Matty. Mr. Matty is a very highly respected municipal attorney.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Tom Tupa reported the following:

- The roofing project over the natatorium was completed during the pool shutdown.**
- Annual pool shutdown went well. Aquatics Coordinator Bob Pliske and his staff did a great job! Pliske found the source of the leak and had to dig up a 2'x2' area of deck. Parts have been ordered and the "auto fill" sensor will be replaced and the deck will be fixed. Pool is open.**
- The newly purchased "gator" is scheduled to be delivered by the end of the month.**
- The 6th Annual BOO-Ville Halloween party will be held on Sunday, October 23, 2011 from 1pm to 4pm.**
- Looking at the possibility of installing security cameras at Kids Quarters this year.**

-Looking into improving the locker rooms at the Community Center by replacing the counter tops and lockers in both locker rooms. Hoping to put money aside, (under Capital Improvements) over the next two to three years, to be able to do this.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairperson Nanci Schlabin reported there is approximately \$6,000-\$7,000 in the Run 4 Your Life Account. The purpose of the race is to fund a “Family Running Program.” Originally Brian Stucky wanted to run this program, but due to conflicts, he is not able to. Schlabin and Mack would like the Recreation Commission to propose to help “subsidize” someone to run the program. Both Mack and Schlabin believe the community would welcome this type of program. Tupa suggested contacting Steve Paciorek to see if his “Fit Family Foundation” would like to be involved in this program. Candace Beaver stated she would be interested in helping out. The Family Running Program would be a *free* Sunday afternoon activity.

At a previous Recreation Commission meeting, Commission member Pat Barth brought to the Commission’s attention the concerns about the smoking policy at the athletic fields. Barth felt this issue needed to be addressed and asked the Commission, the Recreation Director and the Athletic Director what the city’s current policy was. A lengthy discussion ensued and a motion was made by Council Representative Mack that the Recreation Commission recommend the City of Brecksville supplement and clarify its legislation regarding nonsmoking laws, to include all outdoor Recreational Facilities. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

Brecksville resident Mark Krusinski reported he met with the Rocky River Recreation Director regarding their outdoor aquatic facility. He stated the biggest take away from his meeting was that the city of Rocky River believes that having this type of facility is like a vacation for their community. Their facility is utilized mainly by families. It is not open to non-residents; however members are allowed to bring in guests. Rocky River sells memberships to their Outdoor facility

Joe Kosek reported, at the last meeting, the Citizens Committee broke their tasks down into seven areas. Those being:

- 1. Ken Cunningham: Field House (Basketball Courts/Multi-Purpose Use Facility to also include volleyball and tennis)**
- 2. Ken Ganley: Multi-Purpose Indoor Fields for football, soccer & lacrosse**
- 3. Ray Andrews: Total Amenities for the entire area (Walking trails, gardens etc.)**
- 4. Laura Redinger: Pool facility**
- 5. Tim Harwood: Outdoor portion (Baseball & Soccer fields)**
- 6. Renee Cshuran: Initially did work on the financial aspect of the area. She will be put together how much money should be available in the budget for this development project.**
- 7. Joe Kosek: Total Grounds (In terms of where things should be positioned)
-utilities, roads, accessibility for coaches**

Also, the group discussed the priorities and phases in which they felt this project should be completed. (The most pragmatic, the most cost effective and most impactful for those residents using the facility.) First, if there is any way possible that all of this could be done at once, that is the recommendation of the committee. If this is not possible, then the preliminary order is as follows:

- 1. Roughed-In Site Work**
- 2. Field House, Locker Rooms & (2) Baseball Fields**
- 3. Pool**
- 4. Playground areas**
- 5. Tie the property together**

Council Representative Mack asked if the committee is doing any analysis on what the ongoing cost to maintain this facility would be, as well as how much it would cost to fund this development. Kosek said that was not the committee's call. They are just going off of how much money was freed up from the City's budget from the Community Center loan being paid off. Kosek stated the committees report should be completed by the end of the year.

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Pat Barth and seconded by Candace Beaver to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25p.m.

**Respectfully submitted:
Kelly McNeill
Clerk of Commission**