

# **BRECKSVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION**

## **April 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

The Recreation Commission Meeting was called to order by Councilwoman Redinger at 7:30pm. Please note this meeting was held in person for members of the Commission, and the Recreation Department, and was live streamed for on Facebook live for the public to hear.

Roll Call was taken.

**Members present:** Boulware, Firestone, Redinger, and Zenir.

**Absent:** Barth, Kern, and Moleski

**Also present:** Meg English, Jim Kolesar, and Jamie Mewhinney

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Redinger, seconded by Firestone to dispense with the reading of the February 22, 2021 minutes and to approve them as written.

### **Council Representative Report:**

Tom Tupa is going to be retiring May 7, 2021 after 15 years of service to the City as Recreation Director and we wish him the best in his retirement. The plan is to find a suitable replacement for Tom, and until then everyone in will pitch in to do what needs to be done.

Nothing specific to Recreation has been approved over the past few months by City Council. The plan for the Aquatic Center opening, subject to weather and punch list completion is for a Grand Opening Memorial Day Weekend. This is an exciting event to look forward to, and more information will be coming. The Community Garden is expanding, and City Council approved about \$17,000 for the expansion of the garden, and it wonderful community asset. The City is planning on having a Memorial Day Parade, and anyone who is interested in participating can call City Hall. Step off will be at 9am, and the route will be announced shortly. Police Chief Bill Goodrich will be retiring and the City is in the process of appointing a new Chief. The City has employment opportunities for students age 16 and up at the Service and Horticulture Departments, and applications are available at the City Hall receptionist or online and will be filled on a first come, first filled service.

Election on May 4<sup>th</sup>, and the only items is the rezoning of a parcel of land at Valor Acres for Sherwin William, that will make this small parcel office/lab and consistent with the rest of the land. We encourage the Community to come out and vote.

### **Athletic/Facility Coordinator:**

PeeWee Basketball and Little Dribblers ended about 2 weeks ago, Johnny Bolan did a great job and the kids had a great time. Spring program is in full swing, and we are hoping the good

Travel and Lacrosse have been on the fields for the past couple of months. We has our Rec Baseball coaches meeting last week, and teams are out practicing now. Our numbers are fairly good for this season. We have 107 boys baseball, 38 girls softball, 105 kids playing tee-ball, 75 boys playing machine pitch, and 33 girls playing machine pitch as of now. Our Little Hitters clinic for little kids has 34 kids. Numbers are down slightly this year compared to pre-COVID, but we still have a few weeks of registration left for the younger kids.

AM Basketball Groups looking to come back, but right now we are not ready for that with COVID Policy. Evening Volleyball just started back for open session, but they are able to better socially distancing. We are currently doing some rentals at the Blossom Gym to some groups that have groups that play. If anyone else is interested they should contact the Athletic Department. Community Center Field house protocol is still limited to 2 kids per basket, and we are not currently renting it out. Soccer started Saturday we have 279 kids, 240 of them were at Blossom on Saturday between 9am-noon. It was nice to see all those kids out playing and enjoying themselves. Justin Thacker runs the program with lots of help from his older kids, and it is an overall great program. After the Soccer Academy we had a baseball and softball clinic for our rec league put on by our Travel coaches. There were about 16 kids there. Thanks to Fielder's Choice did the boys and Gerry Wise and softball coaches did the girls, assisted by some of their older players. Thanks to them for helping to putting it on, and welcoming the kids.

Camp has been full since the first day it open. Our numbers are limited, and our head Camp Counselor has been planning each day, and will be ready to go in a month or so.

Jim thanks to Meg for getting the Softball and Baseball clinic together and being there to welcome all the kids. This summer protocols have been put in place in coordination with Steve Paciorek. We are going along with the same protocol as Meg used last year. All the information has been passes along to the coaches, for them to communicate with their teams and parents. Things may open up if the Governor relaxes some guideline. Other areas may not be as strict, and we might get feedback because other Cities might be different, but this is how we are currently handling games on City property.

### **CVYO Report:**

Baseball is up running, as is lacrosse, and soccer using facilities at Chippewa and Stadium, as well as Blossom. Did enjoy some nice weather early in March which the coaches took advantage of, and the fields have been great. With Rec season beginning, teams are getting creative to manage in some field time before and after Rec practices. Stadium Field is already looking better, with the old stands down, and moving in the right direction.

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, May 24, 2021 at 7:30pm.

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Redinger and seconded by Boulware to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted:  
Carolyn Jatsek