

MINUTES OF THE RESCHEDULED JUNE 25, 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, Candice Beaver, Don Lastoria, Recreation Commission Council Representative Rex Mack, Nanci Schlabig and Brian Stucky. Also present: Recreation Director Tom Tupa and Clerk of Recreation Commission Kelly McNeill, Athletic Director Pete Kormos, Facility and Aquatics Coordinator Bob Pliske, CYVO President Meg English, Blossom Hill Advisory Members Joe Kosek and Laura Redinger. Brecksville residents also present: *(See Attachment I)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 29, 2012

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

No report.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

Council Representative Rex Mack reported Home Days and the fireworks went well. Mack stated he attended the burial of the time capsule and it reminded him how great of a community we have. Mack also congratulated Nanci Schlabig and Brian Stucky for a great job with the Home Run Race.

Mack reported he spoke with Service Director Ron Weidig regarding the lighting project. Not sure if this will be done in the Fall, but as soon as the "east side" conduit is completed the project will go out to bid.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT:

Recreation Director Tom Tupa thanked Kelly McNeill, Bob Pliske, Pete Kormos, Erin Kubat, Steve Paciorek and the Recreation Department for their participation in Home Days weekend. A lot of hours were involved during this weekend and they did a great job with the Dog Jog, the Home Run Race, the free games and the Entertainer Contest. Everything ran smoothly. Tupa reported the Entertainer Contest was one of the bigger hits of the weekend. Tupa stated they may look to expand the contest next year. People really seemed to enjoy watching the talent. Yesterday, (Sunday) The Verve Daddy played at the square for the third Concert on the Square this summer. It was well attended with approximately 100 people. Many packed a picnic dinner to enjoy. The next concert will be on Sunday, July 29th "The Pop Tarts." The next movie, Dolphin Tale, is this Friday, July 20th at dusk. Tupa reported the Community Center started the pilot for opening at 5am last Monday, July 9th. The majority of the members are coming in between 5:30am to 5:45am. Will be keeping track and when the pilot is over at the end of October, the City will re-evaluate.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Commission chairperson, Brian Stucky handed out: (See attached)

- 1. Pool drawings (2003 Commission Drawing, Rocky River Pool, Bay Village Pool)**
- 2. Field House drawings**
- 3. Brecksville Recreation Commission Review of the Proposed Blossom Hill Master Plan**
- 4. Community Garden – (2) proposed sites, North Royalton’s Community Garden**

Stucky asked each commission member to review each handout. If there is anything to add, please do so. Tupa stated once Council decides there is enough money to proceed with the project, they will review the priority list submitted by the Recreation Commission and the Blossom Hill Facility Development Advisory Board. Then Council will submit the proposed Master Plan to the architects. Once the architect comes back with their recommendations, Council may come back to the Recreation Department for further recommendations. Tonight, the main objective is to put the “Wish List” in order. Depending on the money available at the time, items may be completed “out of order.”

A motion was made by Nanci Schlabilg and seconded by Candice Beaver for the Recreation Commission to recommend to the Brecksville City Council to allow the Brecksville Community Gardens Committee to put together a proposal and present to Council their plan for the “Community Gardens.” Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kosek, Chairman of the Blossom Hill Facility Development Advisory Board reviewed their proposed list of priorities for the Blossom Hill Master Plan.

Commission Member’s Opinions:

Pat Barth-

- Stated he agrees with the Proposed Blossom Hill Master Plan**
- Believes for our community, the field house is the most practical solution out of all the options when looking to serve the community as a whole. Then he feels it makes sense to then build the pool facility.**
- Believes this overall plan serves the community in the best practical way**

Don Lastoria-

- Believes site development should be first along with all outdoor items; baseball and soccer fields and all amenities.**
- The next phase should then be the field house and outdoor pool**

Candice Beaver-

- Agrees with Don Lastoria. Site development should be the first phase along with those outdoor amenities listed.
- Believes the City should seriously consider doing the next phase (Field House & Outdoor Pool) together.
- Tupa reconfirmed Beaver's question that the job of the Commission right now is just to say "yes or no" to the items on the priority list.

Nanci Schlabig-

- Stated she cannot support the priority list based on the numbers received from the survey. The survey is showing that only 7% want an indoor turf field and she feels she cannot agree with this list based on those numbers. Schlabig does not agree that we need an indoor turf and soccer field. She does agree that the city needs more basketball courts. She feels she is representing the public and cannot, in good faith, back the list based on the numbers from the survey. Schlabig agrees the infrastructure should be number one on the list of priorities. Also, Schlabig has no problem with Side 1 and the Core building of the Field House. However, she does have a big problem with Side 2 because it has not been justified to her why it is needed. She feels the outdoor pool should be next.

Don Lastoria interjected and asked, "Shouldn't we give City Council the BIG WISH LIST?"

Meg English stated when you look at the pockets of where the community is served; maybe we should look at the Human Service Building. In this case, that building does not serve the majority of the community. Schlabig stated, that could be said about everything. English said that is why she is addressing this. She thinks Schlabig will be surprised beyond soccer and beyond baseball; she believes there are a lot of other uses for this facility. (I.E. adult daytime bocce leagues, exercise classes and flag football to name a few that encompass all age groups).

Rex Mack-

- Believes the money available is what is going to drive this development
- Likes what the Committee has put together and is OK with the list of priorities
- Likes what has been added by the Recreation Commission a lot
- He feels he needs to hear the financial viability of the things presented and he also wants to hear a professional's opinion on everything before he can make an educated statement. With that being said, overall, Mack is good with the priority List but feels there are a few items that need to be tweaked by the professionals (parking design etc).

Brian Stucky-

- Believes whether the field house is 2,500 square feet or 50,000 square feet, it will be used. The numbers have been run and show the facility will get used. If City Council sends this back and says the Field House is too big, and then we can look at making adjustments.
- Would like to have young and old using the running track year round. Feels the Field house facility will be used the most.
- Agrees with everyone else that the infrastructure should be the first phase along with as many of the amenities as possible. He then suggests the field house and the pool should be built at the same time.

Recreation Director Tom Tupa-

- Agrees with the advisory board's plan to do the infrastructure first and to put in the two lighted fields as the site work is being done.
- Feels the field house is a twelve month facility and the City definitely needs the court space.
- The pool facility is also a huge need. Has toured quite a few places and have seen the kind of use these aquatic facilities get.
- Would like to see both the field house and the pool built together.
- Feels it is important to recommend to City Council, once the new outdoor pool is completed at the Blossom Hill Property, that the current outdoor pool is enclosed, adding additional lanes for lap swimming and adding a play structure for the little kids making it a year round facility.

After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Nanci Schlabig and seconded by Pat Barth for Commission members to recommend the following list of Priorities for the Proposed Blossom Hill Master Plan to the Brecksville City Council.

As a body, the Recreation Commission has reviewed the Proposed Blossom Hill Master Plan prepared by the Blossom Hill Facility Development Advisory Board and are recommending the following to the Mayor and the Brecksville City Council.

The Recreation Commission agrees with the Advisory Board and also recommends that the entire project be done at one time. However, the Commission also agrees, that once the scope and magnitude of the project is determined, and if it is discovered that there are not sufficient funds to complete it all, the Commission recommends the following order of phasing:

1. Infrastructure and Complete Site Work Phase:

- By doing the entire site for current and future plans, the Governmental Agencies (I.E. EPA, Army Corp.) that need to approve any building before it begins will have been satisfied for the entire project. Satisfying their requirements in total will save time in the long run since their approval should only be needed once. The first phase will include the 2 new lighted baseball fields of the 4 scheduled to be completed as these fields are not a Huge cost and the majority of the expense will be borne by the site work budget. The identified scope of work will encompass the required earthwork, utilities, roads, paving, and landscaping. It should also encompass those amenities that can be done concurrently with the first phase assuming they are not a major cost item. The proposed Community Garden is one such amenity that should be included in the first phase.

2. BOTH The Field House/Shared Locker Room Facility Phase & The Pool Facility Phase:
(If these two facilities cannot be done at the same time, then it is recommended by the Commission to do them in the following order):
 2. Field House/Shared Locker Room Facility Phase
 *See Attached for details
 3. Pool Facility Phase
 *See Attached for details
3. Amenity Additions:
 -These amenities include the strategically placed pavilions and playground areas. These items are not major expenses and should be added annually out of the general budget. ***Many of them can be done concurrently with the project assuming they are not major cost items. (I.E. the Community gardens)**
4. Field Movement and Consolidation:
 -The conversion of Field D into a soccer field, the addition of a grass soccer field along Barr Road south of the existing field, and the installation of two lighted baseball fields of the four in the “park like” design, (one replaces Field D and the other is one new field). (These are the final pieces that now make the entire site consistent so the major outdoor areas are sport specific by location). Also, by moving Field D to the southwest sector of the property permits it to be lighted. Lighting nearly triples its availability for weekday play since most scheduled times occur during the week after the workday and field remain actively used well into the evening.

 *BTBA Chair Meg English stressed the importance of lighting all fields. “Get more bang for the Buck!”
5. **Modify & Enclose** the current outdoor pool at the Community Center.
 - Recommend to have the work done during the summer months³
 - It was discussed to have this project done after the completion of the new outdoor pool facility

***It is the Recreation Commission’s hope that City Council will come back to the Recreation Commission for suggestions when they begin to “fine tune” the plan.**

Commission Round Table:

Nanci Schlabig thanked Rex Mack and Tom Tupa for attending the Home Run Race. She also thanked Ron Weidig, the Service & Police Departments, Pete Kormos, Bob Pliske, Don Lastoria, Candice Beaver and Kelly McNeill for their help with the race. There were 399 registered participants this year, which is up from 313 participants last year. Running through the cemetery was a huge hit. The new category of “Family Award” was popular. It was an incredible event! Schlabig spoke to Hermes today and they do not yet have the numbers as far as expenses vs. profit. Hope to have those numbers by the next Recreation Commission Meeting. Schlabig said one of the head guys from Hermes said this was the most organized and well run race he has seen and the volunteers were exceptional. A big thanks, again, to all the volunteers.

Brian Stucky reported the proceeds from this race will go to the “Run 4 Your Life” program. Stucky passed out the Official flyer (attached) for the Run 4 Your Life program and asked Kelly McNeill to please see that it got posted on the City’s website. Stucky reported the running program is underway.

Kids Run For Fun (6yrs +)

July 9 – August 13

Mondays @ 1:30pm-2:30pm

Meadows Picnic Area

****Hiring high school kids to help out. Using proceeds from the race.***

Family Running Program (all family members welcome, “walkers” welcome too)

August 19 – October 21st

Sundays @ 4pm

Meadows Picnic Area

****looking for families to sponsor a weekend to help out***

Speed, Strength and Conditioning Program

November 3 – January 26th

Saturdays 8:30am to 9:30am and 9am – 10:30am

Blossom School

(Ply metric Exercises, Sprints & Strength Exercises)

Per Council Representative Rex Mack’s question, Stucky said this free program is sponsored by the CVYO and is offered to the communities of Brecksville and Broadview Heights. Nanci Schlabig asked that “release” forms be used. Kelly McNeill will forward the Community Center’s “Release Form” to Stucky.

Pat Barth thanked Joe Kosek and his group for a great job on putting together the Proposed Blossom Hill Facility Master Plan.

Brecksville resident Kathleen Deuch asked when the Recreation Commission will be presenting their recommendations. Council Representative Rex Mack said he is not sure of the next step. The Recreation Commission has done what was asked of them and that is to put together a priority list. Mack stated he is not sure of the time line, but will report back to the Commission once he knows.

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Nanci Schlabig and seconded by Don Lastoria to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:51p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kelly McNeill

Clerk of Commission

Attachment I

BRECKSVILLE RESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE **OF THE RESCHEDULE JUNE 25, 2012 RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

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