

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 24, 2011 MEETING OF THE BRECKSVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION

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

Roll Call was taken. Members present: Pat Barth, Don Lastoria, Nanci Schlabilg and Brian Stucky. Also present: Recreation Director Tom Tupa and Clerk of Recreation Commission Kelly McNeill. Brecksville residents also present: Meg English, Joe Kosek and Mary Ann Krusinski.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2011

A motion was made by Pat Barth and seconded by Don Lastoria to approve the meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:

Chairperson Nanci Schlabilg read the following report on behalf of Council

Representative Rex Mack's absence: Dedication of the Bicentennial Memorial Obelisk was conducted yesterday evening. It was a historical event that included a very nice fireworks display. A time capsule will be buried in front of the Obelisk and scheduled to be opened in 50 years for future generations to see. It should be noted that the funding of the obelisk was by donations and that tax dollars did not fund the project.

Council recently passed a resolution authorizing the renovation and expansion of the boiler house at the Blossom Hill Complex. This will convert the building into a maintenance and service facility and also afford the City the ability to eliminate two very outdated buildings at Blossom that are in disrepair and too costly to continue to maintain (those will be demolished). As we expand and develop Blossom, the expanded building will provide for additional storage capabilities and is a very necessary upgrade to our facilities.

Council also approved and authorized the purchase requisition for the Illuminating Co. to install the transformer and lighting services for the artificial turf at Blossom. Plan specifications have not yet been completed for the bases of the lights, but that is in process. The next step would then be to award the work to install the bases. The lights will not be installed in 2011, but will definitely be considered when Council works on the 2012 budget in a few weeks.

As a reminder, Election Day is Tuesday, November 8th. The polls are open from 6:30 am – 7:30 pm. Please be advised that ballot applications are no longer automatically mailed to voters prior to each election. If you wish to vote by mail, ballot applications are available at www.boe.cuyahogacounty.us, at the local public library or by calling 216-443-3298.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Tom Tupa reported the 6th Annual Halloween event was yesterday, Sunday, October 23rd. Tupa stated it was probably the biggest event yet with approximately 800+ people in attendance. Kelly McNeill, Pete Kormos and Ashley Rizzo did a great job!! Brant Giere and Bob Smith were giving hayrides, non-stop, from 1pm-4pm. The city is receiving a lot of compliments. It was a great event! One that has gotten better each year!

OLD BUSINESS:

Nanci Schlabilg read the following report on behalf of Council Representative Rex Mack's absence: In response to the Recreation Commission's recommendation for clarification of our city's non-smoking regulations as it pertains to outdoor facilities, it has been determined that Ordinance #3202 enacting Section 515.12 provides adequate provisions to describe our regulations. As it stands now, Section 515.12 stipulates that the our City's Director of Public Safety (Mayor Hruby) has the authority to create regulation of smoking policy and to enforce the said policy under his authority provided to him by the Charter. The policy is to regulate PUBLIC AREAS.

The City of Brecksville GENERAL SMOKING POLICY states that ALL CITY BUILDINGS AND CITY FACILITIES WILL BE “SMOKE FREE” AND NO SMOKING OF ANY KIND WILL BE PERMITTED. As indicated, this applies for any City building or FACILITY. Further, City employees, elected officials, board and commission members, AND THE PUBLIC are asked for their fullest cooperation with the City’s “smoke free” policy.

The GENERAL SMOKING POLICY REGARDING VISITORS TO CITY FACILITIES states that Section 515.08 of our Codified Ordinances provides that an appropriate sign will be posted in all locations covered by the policy and that anyone refusing to discontinue smoking in a non-smoking area will be charged with violating Section 515.08, a MINOR MISDEMEANOR.

Joe Kosek, chair of the Blossom Hill Citizens Committee, reported the committee hopes to have their report completed by the end of November to present to the Recreation Commission at their December meeting.

Schlabig asked Tupa for an update in regard to emailing from RecTrac. Tupa reported the Community Center is looking into purchasing a new server, which is needed in order to upgrade RecTrac, so emails can be sent out to our households. Tupa believes the email will be used on a Quarterly basis, to announce what classes/programs and special events are coming up, as well as, to announce any cancellations.

NEW BUSINESS:

BTSA:

Brian Stucky, thanked Pete Kormos and his crew for their hard work on the fields this season. Chippewa was in the best condition it has ever been. Kormos and his staff also did a nice job with the outfields of the baseball fields so the soccer teams could use them.

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Brian Stucky and seconded by Pat Barth to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kelly McNeill

Clerk of Commission