

BRECKSVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION

February 22, 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: Barth, Boulware, Firestone, Kern, Moleski, and Redinger.

Absent: Zenir

Also present: Director Tom Tupa, Meg English, Jim Kolesar, Jamie Mewhinney, and Carolyn Jatsek

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Redinger, seconded by Kern to dispense with the reading of the January 24, 2021 minutes and to approve them as written.

Council Representative Report:

Councilwomen Redinger reported that Council approved legislation for the Mayor to submit a Grant Request through Natureworks for \$150,000 with a 25% match for improvements to the Stadium Drive Property. The grant deadline is June 1st. In addition Council approved several Independent Contractor Agreements including Meg English, Tom English, and Justin Thacker. Council appreciates all these vendors do for the City and the youth programs.

In addition to these items that pertaining to Recreation, Council also had their 3rd reading to have the zoning changes for Sherwin Williams on the May 5th ballot. There have also been some presentations to Planning Commission regarding the residential area of Valor Acres. Both Sherwin Williams and the DiGeronimo Company were at the last planning commission meeting. Both of them are presented tree clearing plans, and need to get a quick start on that before Bat Season.

Tomorrow is Democracy Day at 6:30pm. Several people including the Mayor, Council President Harwood, and other Elected Officials will be presenting and members of the public will have 5 minutes to speak. Steve Paciorek will be moderating the event.

The Central School Development Committee is reviewing the plans from the Request for Qualifications and Request for Agreements. The Committee is looking for more information from both parties that submitted.

Recreation Director Report:

The next upcoming special event for the Community Center is the Visit with the Easter Bunny which will be Grab and Go style through the Human Services Parking Lot on March 24th. There are only a few spots available. The Conversation with the Mayor and State of

the City have both been postponed at this time. On Friday April 2nd the Community Center will be open 10-5pm, and closed on Sunday April 4th for Easter.

As a follow-up the helmet conversation at the January meeting, the Law Director confirmed that it was ok to hand out used helmets and other equipment.

WebTrac should be completed by the end of this week. All of the installation is complete, there is just some final programming being done to get everything to function correctly.

February has seen a slight slowdown in foot traffic through the facility, but we are hoping it will pick back up. There is still not a final timeframe for the opening of the new Aquatic Facilities, but there is a meeting on Wednesday.

Swim lesson enrollment is going well. KNC, and competitive swim clinics are already at capacity.

Athletic/Facility Coordinator:

This weekend basketball will begin to wind down for 1-8th grade, then Little Dribblers and PeeWee Basketball will begin the next week. Both of these programs are being led by Johnny Bolan. Currently Little Dribblers is at capacity, and the PeeWee Program is close to full. The 4-6 year olds will be held in the morning and the 7-8 year olds will play in the afternoon on Saturdays. Monday will begin the Girls Volleyball Clinic that was postponed in January. This program is at capacity and parents will drop off/pick up the child with no spectators in the field house.

Registration is currently open for soccer and we are anticipating near normal registration numbers. The Recreation Department now has its own FaceBook page. It was launched on Friday and already has 310 followers. Jamie McWhinney will be the contact person for the page and it will be used to promote our programs and special events.

Mens Basketball 35+ league is halfway done, and only had 6 teams this year. Interest is low in the 50+ and 65+ plus league. Looking to possibly have a March League if there is enough interest.

March 1st will begin registration for residents for Teeball, Softball, Baseball, Tennis, Summer Camp, Bocce and Co-ed Softball Clinics.

The department has a new rainout system that can call, text or email updates. It will also update the website and Facebook, and will include all fields including basketball courts.

You can sign up at www.rainoutline.com

BSA practice schedule is in the books, and they will begin on March 8th. We are still waiting on their game schedule. Lacrosse is all entered for the season as well, and CVSA should have their schedule on Tuesday.

The Athletic Department is in need of staff for grounds crew, building supervisors, field supervisors, and concession staff for the summer. Applications are available at the Front Desk of the Community Center.

Summer Camp enrollment will be capped at 36 each session at this time due to COVID restrictions.

CVYO Report:

BTBA is making plans for summer, and Soccer and Lacrosse are waiting to get on the fields the beginning of March. Thanks to the City of Brecksville for assisting the travel basketball coaches get gym time at Blossom, and also appreciation for all the coaches that found additional practice facilities on their own. The CVYO is having a meeting tonight after Commission with the football organization about coming under the CVYO umbrella, and Meg will let them know about the Natureworks grant as well.

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, March 22, 2021 at 7:30pm.

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Redinger and seconded by Moleski to adjourn the meeting at 7:57pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Carolyn Jatsek