

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 27, 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, Charlie Cassaro, Don Lastoria, Council Representative Rex Mack, Nanci Schlabilig and Brian Stucky. Also present: Recreation Director Tom Tupa and Clerk of Recreation Commission Kelly McNeill, CYVO President Meg English, Brecksville resident Bill Ritzmann and Andy Gray of Moody, Nolan Architects.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 23, 2012

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF RESCHEDULE JUNE 25, 2012

A motion was made by Nanci Schlabilig and seconded by Candice Beaver to approve the meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Recreation Director Tom Tupa reported in the Mayor's absence, that Mayor Hruby plans to get together with Council Representative Rex Mack and Tom Tupa to discuss when the Proposed Blossom Hill Master Plan will be submitted to City Council. Once there is an opening in the agenda and the date is determined, it will be announced.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

Council Representative Rex Mack announced:

- 1. Moody's assigned the City of Brecksville a "AAA rating" which is the highest rating a city can receive on financial stability.**
- 2. Service Department completed the conduit work at Blossom and now the lighting project can go out to bid. Tupa reported the conduit was completed on the eastside of the field and the engineer still has to update some fiber and some of the notes on his plans. Once this is done the City will have a meeting with Musco Lighting and hopefully the lighting project will be completed by this fall.**

Brian Stucky thanked Ron Weidig and the Service Department, as well as, Pete Kormos and his crew for their hard work on this project.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT:

Recreation Director Tom Tupa reported the annual pool shutdown will begin Wednesday, August 29, 2012 through Monday, September 17, 2012. Tupa stated the shutdown is earlier this year because all Ohio colleges are now on semesters and most of the guards have gone back to school. In the future, Tupa reported the annual pool shutdown may be earlier because of the lack of guards.

Tupa passed out a Membership Comparison report. He reported the Community Center is looking to raise rates for the upcoming year. Tupa asked the Recreation Commission for their comments and approval for the proposed increase. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Don Lastoria and seconded by Nanci Schlabig to approve the proposed membership increases as follows:

Family Membership: increase of \$40 (738 total memberships from 2012)
Single Parent w/Child(ren): increase of \$30 (140 total memberships from 2012)
Married Couple: increase of \$40 (280 total memberships from 2012)
Adult: increase of \$30 (647 total memberships from 2012)
Senior/Disabled: increase of \$20 (962 total memberships from 2012)
College Undergrad: increase of \$30 (300 total memberships from 2012)
Student 5-17yrs: increase of \$30 (156 total memberships from 2012)

***Early Bird Special if membership is purchased/renewed December 1-31, 2012.**

In response to Rex Mack's question, Tupa stated this proposed increase is due to the following:

1. Many capital projects to be done (Example: lockers). Building is 20 years old.
2. Costs have gone up.
3. Lost lifeguards because of our pay scale. *Need to increase pay rate for lifeguards.
4. Haven't raised Membership Rates in four years (still far below most communities).

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nanci Schlabig reported she received the letter from Hermes stating the Brecksville Home Days Home Run Race raised \$5,224. Brian Stucky congratulated Nanci Schlabig and the group who organized and ran the event. Because of everyone's hard work, Brecksville is building a community of runners. Stucky stated this race is benefitting the Run 4 Your Life program which has run throughout the summer months. There have been 25-30 kids every Monday, consistently every Monday. The Run 4 Your Life group is also meeting on Sunday afternoons at 4pm at the Meadows where it is set up to run .3 miles, .5 miles, 1 mile and 5 miles. Everything for the "Run 4 Your Life" program is funded from the Brecksville Home Days Home Run Race. Stucky stated this program is beginning to touch so many groups.

BTBA:

CVYO President Meg English reported tryouts for both boys and girls were just completed. It seems as though tryouts are occurring earlier and earlier. The baseball community seems to be holding earlier tryouts. Pat Barth stated he believes teams are holding tryouts earlier so they can get the first shot at the best players. English also said it makes sense to have the tryouts earlier because the kids are still in that skill set and haven't moved on to a new sport.

OLD BUSINESS:

As requested, JoAnn Bartsch, of the Beautification Committee, presented the Recreation Commission with a "Preliminary Cost Estimate" on what it would take to put a Community Garden together. Bartsch received information from the Ohio State University Extension Service. This information was obtained from Re-Imaging Cleveland recommendations. All of these recommendations are very "site specific." (*See Attachment 1*)

Brian Stucky reported he would call the Boy Scouts to see if they have anyone that needs to get in service hours and would be willing to help with the fence. Stucky confirmed that he and Don Lastoria would take care of the "site prep" for the Community Garden.

Stucky said the Recreation Commission will definitely push this through to City Council requesting space to be allocated for the Community Garden so the Beautification Committee can start collecting donations for the project.

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Nanci Schlabilg and seconded by Rex Mack to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kelly McNeill

Clerk of Commission

ATTACHMENT 1

Preliminary Cost Estimates

Brecksville Community Garden Planning

August, 2012

The following generalized estimate was obtained from Re-Imagining Cleveland recommendations for reusing vacant land as provided by the Ohio State University Extension Service:

Site Prep (demolition/grading, etc.):	\$3,000
Plant/Soil Materials (compost/mulch):	\$5,000
Irrigation:	\$5,000
Fencing:	\$8,500

The above translates to an approximate \$3.00/square foot cost. The OSU Extension Service believes this number is on the high side. However, it does not include installation of raised beds: the lumber for these could be around \$50-100 each (depending on size).

The North Royalton Community Garden garnered approximately \$2,500 in donations as their start up, but this did not include fencing and the water line installation, which were provided by the Boy Scouts and the City, respectively.

The yearly operating costs beyond start up are generally covered by the fee charged to garden a plot.

Jo Ann Bartsch

Brecksville Beautification Committee