



Brecksville Recreation Commission October 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The Recreation Commission Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Kern 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

Members present: Boulware, Firestone, Kern, Lazaridis and Moleski

Absent: Hanna and Redinger

Also present: Jim Kolesar, Jamie Mewhinney, Luis Pena Ochoa, Meg English, and Carolyn Jatsek

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Kern, seconded by Firestone to dispense with the reading of the September 27, 2021 minutes and to approve them as written.

Council Representative Report:

Laura Redinger is out of town on business and provided the following report:

1. Thank you to everyone who attended BooVille and made it a huge success.
2. Several items were approved at the October 5th and 19th Council meetings:
 - Approval of an Ordinance authorizing the purchase of replacement lockers in the amount of \$58,384.93 for the women's locker room. This project is similar to the replacement of the lockers in the men's locker room several years ago. Based on the changes there, different sizes and few lockers, the feedback was positive, and we will do the same thing here. There will be 160 lockers, 70 large and 90 small. Due to supply chain challenges, the lead times are 12-14 weeks. We hope to have this project complete in Q1 2022
 - Approval of a purchase requisition in the amount of \$3,492 for the maintenance and repair of the meeting room partition wall.
 - Approval of an increased to a purchase requisition in the amount of \$2,140 to IA Lewin for the Wall Inspection and Restoration project at the community center
 - Approval of a purchase requisition to Kully Supply in the amount of \$3,922.49 for replacement of 3 water fountains at the Community Center. One has a bottle filler and the other two are regular drinking fountains

- Approval of a purchase requisition to American Fireworks in the amount of \$16,500 for the Christmas fireworks display after the tree lighting on November 28th.
 - Approval of an increase to a purchase order in the amount of \$1,500 for CPR Lifeguard certifications.
3. There will be a public hearings on Thursday October 28th for discussion by the Sherwin Williams Company and DeGeronimo Companies for development of the Valor Acres property.
 4. Job Fair at the Human Services Center on Friday November 12 from 9-1:30. Several local businesses including House of LaRose, Applied Medical Technologies and Caruso Coffee, including others will be there

Athletic Report:

Youth Basketball registration is currently going on for another week, we are looking for a few more registration to round out each division. Current enrollments are:

	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
1 st & 2 nd Grade	74	20
3 rd & 4 th Grade	13	9
5 th & 6 th Grade	8	9
7 th & 8 th Grade	5	4

Middle school basketball tryouts are this week and next, umbers usually increase after tryouts. There is discussion of what to do if we do not get a few more 1st & 2nd grade girls, including the option, do make the in-house league for 1st & 2nd grade co-ed, combine with Broadview Heights or make if more of a clinic format like PeeWee Basketball or Soccer Academy. Commission would like to see and option other than having the league by co-ed. Coaches meetings are tentatively scheduled for November 8th and 9th with practices beginning that week. Game play for 1st-6th grade will begin December 4th, and 7-9th will begin January 8th.

Co-ed Adult Volleyball is in full swing with 5 teams, and will conclude with a one day tournament in the end of November.

The youth volleyball league is going well. The girls are having a great time with the league and hopefully next year we will see if grow with more advance notice and the new field house.

Men's Basketball League registration begins on November 1st. Games will begin in January and go through April. BSA has wrapped up their fall season, CSA is looking to wrap up around Thanksgiving, and youth Lacrosse has a couple weeks left through their fall tournaments. The department is looking at offering the winter online tournaments again this year as well.

Aquatic Report:

BooVille was held on Sunday October 24th, and was a huge success. It returned to it's full fledged event as the Community Center was transformed to a Halloween Center as a large group effort by all. Thanks to Commission Members Redinger, Lazaridis and Hanna for judging the costume contests.

This is the last week of fall programming for Aquatics. There were a total of 16 Learn-to-Swim classes offered this session, plus the competitive swim clinic and Kids N Company classes. The next session will begin in January with registration beginning in December. There is still a critical shortage of lifeguards. Every day we are one to two guards short of closing down a pool. We have added six new guards in the past month. We are offering two lifeguard training classes a month, plus are willing to do custom sessions as needed, as well as the shallow water certification. As far as taking the training program proposal to the high school, the problem is that the other two instructors beside Luis are two of our critical opening guards. Until we are able to free up their shifts some, they are not able to teach. We have had a few guards return to staff that are morning swimmers. We have been advertising, but have found the best advertisement is word of mouth from current employees. It has become harder to get people to commit to become lifeguards, and the added responsibility that comes with it. The class itself requires a person to be 15 by the last day of the class. It is a blended learning format with about 7 hours of online learning, and about 4 or 5 days of in person classes.

CVYO Report:

The season is wrapping up for all the fall programs. The City of Brecksville as always has been very supportive of all the programs. CVYO is gearing up for the basketball season. They are grateful to the Brecksville-Broadview Heights School District for opening up their gyms to the 3rd grade and up travel basketball teams again this year. Any travel coaches who are looking for additional gym time at the Blossom gym need to go through Dan Kalinsky as a point person. As in the past, gym time goes to Rec coaches first, then travel coaches. CYO and other teams have been reaching out to the City as well looking for gym time, and have been told they Rec and Travel get preference, then if there is left over times available they can rent if they are a Brecksville Resident. Thanksgiving Break and Christmas Break availability will be based on the Montessori break schedule.

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

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, December 6th, 2021 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Carolyn Jatsek