

## **BRECKSVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION**

### **August 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

The Recreation Commission Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm at Stadium Drive Athletic Facility.

Roll Call was taken.

**Members present:** Boulware, Ganim, Hanna, Lazaridis, Moleski, and Kern

**Absent:** Firestone

**Also present:** Tom & Meg English, Rachele Engle, Jamie Mewhinney, Luis Pena Ochoa, Rhonda Miko and Carolyn Jatsek

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Ganim, seconded by Moleski to dispense with the reading of the July 24, 2023 minutes and to approve them as written.

### **Council Representative Report:**

Councilman Ganim was excited to share that the City was awarded an emergency grant for Riverview Slippage project. On Friday, the news was received that the grant was awarded to cover 90% of the project costs. This was an amazing win for our administration in securing these funds to quickly fix the road closure. Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup> is Shred day, and then later that evening is the Annual Firefighters Clambake. Starting September 5<sup>th</sup>, the “My Civic 311” app will go live, this upgrade in our technological infrastructure will certainly bring an ease and accessibility for our community to stay connected and offer a next level of civic engagement. Be sure to read the recent Bulletin for more information.

### **Recreation Director Report:**

Recreation Director Engle reported that August 1<sup>st</sup> began fall activity registrations, and there are still a few openings. The Fall Pickleball Tournament will be held on September 22 and 23 at the Blossom Hill Field House. There will be 3.0 and 3.5 division for Men’s, Women’s, and Mixed Doubles. Pickleball lessons are filling up quickly. There are 2 sessions for adults, and one for youth coming up with teacher Claudia Fontana. The Christmas in July party on July 24<sup>th</sup> was a huge success with over 250 people. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Trike and Bike event was held at Blossom on Saturday August 9<sup>th</sup>, just under 200 participants. August 18<sup>th</sup> was the second Flick on the Field, showing the Mario Movie on the turf. Our Annual Booville event is coming up on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the

Community Center. Doors will open at 12:45pm and the event will conclude at 4pm, more details on the event will be out soon!

### **Athletic Area Report:**

The summer bocce league is wrapping up with a tournament, they had a successful season and were more than ecstatic with the work the service department did redoing the courts and getting them ready for the season. Thank you to the Service Department for all of your work. Currently there are 225 kids ages 3-8 registered for the fall session of Brecksville Soccer Academy. John Farrell is doing a fantastic job transitioning into the leadership role from Justin Thacker. The fall coed youth volleyball league has 2 teams at the 5/6 grade level and one at the  $\frac{3}{4}$  grade level. The lacrosse clinic begins next Tuesday night for boys and girls interested in learning the basics of lacrosse. There are currently 46 kids registered and room for a few more. The fall session of peewee basketball and adult coed volleyball league are currently open for registration, and fall basketball for grades 1-high school will open on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Aquatic Area Report:**

The pools are wrapping up the summer season. The outdoor pool will be open Saturday, Sunday and Monday of Labor Day weekend to finish off the summer. All the pools will be closed for the annual shutdown and maintenance starting September 5<sup>th</sup>. The Natatorium and Activity Pool are planning to reopen on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. During the shutdown, the main pump for the Natatorium pool will be replaced and some plumbing will be adjusted, a variable frequency drive will be installed with the new pump to help improve the pumps efficiency and lifespan, structural repairs will be made to the buildings support columns near the spa, tile work will be done for missing and broken tiles and then the normal shutdown cleaning and maintenance will be performed. When the pools reopen in October a full session of Learn-to-Swim will be offered in October, and the High School Swim Team will begin practices in November.

### **Fitness Area Report:**

The new pieces of fitness equipment that were approved and ordered in April arrived. All the items are in good working order, and we have received many compliments on them. The new fitness schedule will begin on September 5<sup>th</sup>. We are excited to welcome back Christy Caruso with her Body 360 class.

**CVYO Report:**

All fall programs are up and running, including football, soccer, lacrosse, baseball and softball. The teams have great support from the City of Brecksville for the preparation of the fields, thanks to the Service Department and Jamie for coordinating this. Travel basketball tryouts will begin in September. The CVYO would like to express their thanks to the City of Brecksville and the Service Department for the work that is going on at the City Hall Fields and walkways.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

None

**Public Comments:**

None

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Gamin and seconded by Lazaridis to adjourn the meeting at 6:43pm.

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, September 25, 2023 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Carolyn Jatsek

