

**MINUTES OF THE RESCHEDULED MAY 23, 2011 MEETING
OF THE
BRECKSVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION**

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

Roll Call was taken. Members present: Pat Barth, Candice Beaver, Charles Cassaro, Recreation Commission Council Representative Rex Mack, Brian Stucky and Nanci Schlabig. Also present: Mayor Jerry Hruby, Recreation Director Tom Tupa, Clerk of Recreation Commission Kelly McNeill, and Athletic Director Pete Kormos. Brecksville residents also present: Meg English and Joe Kosek and Councilman Mike Harwood.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2011

A motion was made by Pat Barth and seconded by Candace Beaver to dispense reading of the minutes and to approve as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Hruby reported he received a letter from BBHHS Athletic Director Dan Kalinsky requesting use of the Blossom turf soccer field August 1-19, 2011 (M-F) from 9am to 12noon and then August 22-October 28, 2011 (M-F) from 3pm-5pm. Mayor Hruby has not responded to the letter because it was his understanding that they were to meet further with the superintendent and work out the “sharing” before anything was considered.

On behalf of the City, without any further discussion, the answer is no. However, with further discussion the City would consider *some* shared use up at the Blossom property. The Mayor believes this is a very important issue before the Commission and the City. He believes this is really the Recreation Commission's decision whether to agree or not to “shared” use of facilities. The only thing the City has agreed to, in regard to use of the of the turf field, is to annually allow SCG to use the field for a charity event. The Mayor stated the Recreation Commission needs to define a policy before the Recreation Department can look at any outside use.

Councilman Mike Harwood reported there have been two meetings with the BBHCS in which Tom Tupa, Rex Mack and Mike Harwood attended. Harwood stated the school was to come back and provide the City with a detailed breakdown of their facility usage. Harwood met with them today and received a

little more information. Harwood volunteered to define the information received, coordinate and package it like our Recreation Department does. Harwood provided the detailed breakdown (which is broken down into eleven separate components) to the Recreation Commission to review. The citizens group, appointed by the mayor, was also provided this information. This breakdown shows all of BBHSCD facilities and how they are used 100% of the time.

Rex Mack feels we should be mindful, when determining policy for facility sharing that the school district may have need of additional facilities due to the possible cutbacks in the future.

Harwood believes the next step is to try and take their information and put together a detailed schedule which will allow the Citizen's group to make recommendations to the Recreation Commission and to City Council and say here is what we know we have and here is what we know what we really need as a city and this is what the school district has to offer. Harwood believes the half and half split between the two communities is not fair. He feels we should get in return what we give. The BBHSCD is supposed to provide to us with how they work with the City of Broadview Heights and this information has not been given. Harwood stated he will give the completed detailed report to the BBHSCD to review and then the two groups will reconvene to see where things stand. However, the school's latest request for use of the turf soccer field has put us on a timetable which will be difficult to reach an agreement.

Mayor Hruby reported as a result of the original meeting, the school district was going to meet with the City of Broadview Heights and work out what their deal is and then they were going to talk between the athletic director and superintendent and meet with the City of Brecksville again before any decisions on facility usage were made. Mayor Hruby said what prompted the second and third meetings were the receipt of this letter from the athletic director requesting the use of the turf field.

After a lengthy discussion, the Recreation Commission agreed once a Facility Usage Policy is put into place, everything MUST BE documented (all facility usage) from here on out. And the City of Brecksville believes it must be fair.

COUNCIL REPORT:

Council representative Rex Mack reported he made mention to City Council about the great feedback about the turf field but being limited by the time it can be used. Mike Harwood reported that he did a study to show the number of times this season that games or practices have been cancelled because of no lights. Tom

Tupa published these statistics and presented them to City Council. Out of 270 practices, Brian Stucky reported the BTSA had 90 practices rained out. Having lights would have accommodated those games and practices that had to be cancelled due to inclement weather.

Council representative Mack thanked Mike Harwood for all of his time and efforts that have been put in to compiling these studies.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Recreation Director Tom Tupa reported Home Days will be June 23-26, 2011. Once again the Recreation Department will be offering "free" games on Saturday 4:30pm-7pm and Sunday 3pm-7pm. If anyone is available to help out, please call Kelly. The parade is on Saturday from 2pm-4pm. Mayor Hruby announced the Little Leaguers that played back then is coming back to march in the parade.

Tupa announced the outdoor pool will be open full time beginning Friday, June 10th from 12noon to 8pm. The outdoor pool is currently on an abbreviated schedule until then.

Tupa reported the following:

1. The Community Center floor was rescreened and the Blossom floor was redone.
2. The one capital item for this year is the purchase of a gator and the request for this item will be taken to City Council at next month's meeting.
3. Memberships and guest passes are up this year as of last Friday.
4. Have seen many sign ups for June memberships since the new proration date was moved from July 1 to June 1, 2011.
5. There was damage to the roof during the storm on April 30, 2011. Three different contractors came out to give bids and those will be presented to City Council tomorrow night. This will be covered under the City's insurance. The damage was over the pool area over the Westside of the building. The start date for the repair has not been given.
6. Most of the Ground's crew is back from college and the baseball fields are in pretty good shape even with all the rain.
7. "Game on" will be put on diamond A by the end of the week.
8. Movie nights are on hold until Bob Pliske determines whether or not the screen will be able to go up and withstand the outdoor elements due to a tear that has been repaired numerous times over the last few years. A new screen would cost approximately \$2,500.

9. The Summer Concert Schedule begins tonight and will continue throughout the summer. A total of six concerts will be presented on six various Sunday evenings throughout the summer from 6pm-8pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Nanci Schlabig gave an update on the race:

- flyers will be distributed the week before
- race shirts are red
- the winner of the 60+ will receive a gift certificate for a massage
- Honey Hut gift certificates will be given to the kids division winners
- temperature will be taken into consideration. May have fire department open fire hydrants for runners to run through
- working with Panera's to get bagels

Schlabig reported she received an email from Hermes requesting to allow 5 Hr. Energy Drink to be passed out free of charge to the runners. The Recreation Commission unanimously agreed NOT to allow it.

Tupa asked Schlabig to contact Bob Pliske regarding her Audio needs for the race. Also, Tupa asked if the fire department will have someone standing at the end of the race in case of an emergency. Schlabig stated she will talk to the fire department to make arrangements.

Joe Kosek stated he will report periodically on the progress of the Brecksville Citizens Committee for Blossom Hill Master Plan. The members consist of people with good solid backgrounds in the understanding of all the sports programs collectively as well as finance. At the first meeting, they divided up assignments on identifying usage of the property. At tonight's meeting they will be discussing these needs. Need to know how much money is in the budget for this entire project. Is this over a ten year or twelve year period? There are so many unknowns. Will be working backwards from there and getting pricing on these items. From there they will move forward on prioritizing the projects so they can get these big pieces one step at a time. Determining how much each item costs will dictate what type of financing is put in place. The committee is aware of certain items that are a necessity and will get prices for those items. Mike Harwood has offered to put together a CPM or PERT diagram which will help them go step by step, enabling the committee to have something to present to the Mayor and City Council by fall.

These committee meetings are open to the public; however these meetings are working meetings and will not be used as a public forum. If residents have questions or comments, they are asked to attend the Recreation Commission Meetings. Nanci Schlabig thanked Joe Kosek for volunteering.

Pat Barth asked if NO SMOKING signs can be posted at *all* City outdoor venues. Tupa asked Kormos to check to see where signs need to be posted.

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Brian Stucky and seconded by Rex Mack to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45p.m.

**Respectfully submitted:
Kelly McNeill
Clerk of Commission**