

BRECKSVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION
June 26, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The Organizational Recreation Commission Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

Roll Call was taken.

Members present: Boulware, Firestone, Ganim, Hanna, Kern, and Moleski

Absent: Lazaridis

Also present: Director Rachele Engle, Luis Pena Ochoa, Meg English, Jamie Mewhinney and Carolyn Jatsek

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Moleski, seconded by Hanna to dispense with the reading of the May 22, 2023 minutes and to approve them as written.

Council Representative Report:

Councilman Ganim began by sharing the exciting news of some great dedications and recognitions. The Mike Harwood Baseball Fields were dedicated this past week with the family and friends at the unveiling of the sign. The Stadium Drive Athletic Complex has been dedicated to Joe Vadini and the Stadium Drive Game Field has been named the Coach Ralph DeSantis Field. The unveiling of the signs will be done with the families in the near future.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Home Days Activities and helped with the games and events!

Recreation Director Report:

Recreation Director Engle reported the summer programming is underway. We had the first Flick on the Field on June 16th on the upper soccer field. It was a chilly night, but we had warm popcorn and a decent crowd. We will be hosting the next one in August. Thank you to all the Recreation employees and volunteer and the CAPA Volunteers for all their help over Home Days! The Department hosted the Dog Jog, the games at horticulture, inflatables, a face painter, a balloon twister, the petting zoo, and assisted with the Home Days 5K. On July 24th, we will have our next Late Night Swim with a Christmas in July Theme on from 8-10pm after the Rec Commission Meeting.

Athletic Area Report:

Baseball and Softball have a couple weeks left and will wrap-up in mid-July. It has been a good summer for baseball, other than tonight. Summer camp began week 2 today, will take next week off for the Holiday, and then finish the last 4 weeks. Last week was the first week of Tennis camp, help on the High School Courts and taught by Center Court.

The Adult lesson are picking up interest, and going well. The past few weeks have been slower at the field house. We are still having rentals on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday evening, and most weeks in July have a summer camp booked during the day. Registration for fall programming is opening on July 1st.

Aquatic Area Report:

Aquatics is doing well. The first session of Learn-to-swim is wrapping up this week, as well as the first evening session. Belugas had their first meet last Saturday at Parma. The team is almost twice as large as last year, but the coaches are doing well managing all those children. The Average summer the lifeguards have only 2 to 3 jump in assist, we have already had 4 lifeguard assist this year, 3 of them serious drowning assists. Most of these have been unsupervised kids in the deep end that could not swim ages 8-15. Guards have been excellent with their responses and have been proactively guarding well. Moleski suggested that a communication go out to parents reminding them to supervise their kids. He also thanked Luis and his staff for all their training and hard work.

CVYO Report:

BTBA is finishing up their season. Soccer and Lacrosse has their end of season festivities. The fall field scheduling meeting with Soccer, Lacrosse, Football and Cheer went well. This fall will have some issue with accessibility and Blossom and City Hall with the repairs and improvements and the connectivity trail at Blossom. The Home Days 5K had about 260 participants which is about average. All of the program numbers have been growing, which is good as long as it is within the limits of the facilities we have.

Old Business:

Director Engle shared a brief update on Kids Quarters. She has reviewed some imagery sent over by the supply companies, and they took a look of what would fit into the budget. They are hoping to have some revisions made and have something to share by the end of July. Phase 1 of the project will be the ADA ramp, then Phase 2 will begin the revitalization of Kids Quarters.

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Ganim and seconded by Kern to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm.

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, July 24, 2023 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Carolyn Jatsek