

Recreation Commission Minutes

October 28, 2024 7:30pm

Members Present: Boulware, Briggs, Brubaker, Hanna, Ganim, Gawlik and Lazaridis

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Jamie Mewhinney, Rhonda Miko, Luis Pena, Tom & Meg English, and Carolyn Jatsek

Minutes: Approval of September 23, 2024 Minutes, Motioned by Ganim, seconded by Gawlik

Mayor's Report:

No report.

Council Report:

The annual Trick or Trot was a great event. Thank you to all that came out to supported the event!

Booville was a blast and it was Judges Koepke, Savage and Jansen looked very official judging the costume contest. There was a very enthusiastic group of pickleballers at the ribbon cutting ceremony last week!

Director's Report:

Director Engle sent her Director's Report:

Thank you to the Mayor, City Council, donors, volunteers, the participants and Recreation Staff for this incredible Halloween event! We hope everyone enjoyed their day at Booville. We appreciate everyone's understanding with the gym being closed the past couple of days as we prepare and decorate. and then closing the building the day of. A big thank you!

Pickleball Ribbon Cutting

An exciting event for the pickleballers in town as we opened the brand-new outdoor courts. Thank you, Mayor, City council, Joe Kickel and the service department, recreation Commission and staff. The community is looking forward to having this offering for all ages to enjoy.

Basketball season is approaching quickly! We recently had a winch replaced in the gym and also all the cables for the divider curtain replaced. The divider curtain has been getting much more use with multiple groups using each side of the gym.

Looking forward to fall/winter sports kicking off. The field house will be in full effect come the first week of November

Athletic Area Report:

The fall session of PeeWee Basketball is underway with 101 kids at the Field House on Saturday Mornings. The Youth Volleyball League is coming to and end. Two of our three teams are still alive in tournament play. This Thursday is the last day for youth basketball registration. Currently there are 233 kids registered. Hopefully we can round out a couple of the teams during these last few days of registration. Registration numbers overall are about the same as usual, but the girls' numbers are very low. This is consistent with what other cities are seeing as well.

The Pickleball League just conclude last week with a tournament. This first league went well, and we are currently in the process of collecting some feedback. The Coed Volleyball League has one more week or regular play, and then will have a few weeks of single elimination tournament play.

Aquatic Area Report:

This is the last week of fall Learn to Swim lessons. The next session will begin in January and be held on Saturday mornings. Registration will begin December 1st for residents. The High School Swim Team began practicing last Friday, and will host their first meets in late November /early December. We are currently looking for some more morning and daytime lifeguards.

Fitness Area Report:

Thank you to the Mayor and City Council for approving the new equipment for the fitness area. The treadmills, ellipticals, and bikes have filled all the empty spaces.

CVYO Report:

Soccer has completed their season, fall lacrosse has a few days of practice and their final tournament this week. There are a few baseball and softball teams continuing to take advantage of this nice fall weather and are continuing to practice. Travel basketball teams have begun their season. There are 2 teams at each level for both boys and girls this year. The Boys will be hosting their annual tournament on February 22 and 23rd at the Field House. The girls will host their first tournament in 2026. They looked at doing one this year, but all the dates were booked by the time they decided to try to do it this year. Meg brought up the 5-year plan, and confirmed that they only 2 definite items on it are the completion of the Kids Quarters Renovation and the replacement of the turf at Blossom.

Thanks to Jamie and Carolyn for all their assistance with the fields this fall, and to Brett and his crew for all his hard work. The CVYO has appreciated the rolling closure so that Brett can begin working on some fields, while leaving others open for practice.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

The department has presented proposed 2025 rates to the Commission to review, along with a history of membership rates and increases going back to 1992 when the Community Center opened. Discussion was had by the Commission regarding the two options for 2025 Membership rates. The Commission ultimately decided to go with the smaller increase to membership rates for 2025 and possibly put together a subcommittee for 2025 to look at rates going into 2026. A motion was made by Lazaridis and seconded by Boulware to approve the 2025 Proposed Rate Packet as presented. Commission unanimously approved the motion to present the rates to City Council for approval.

Public Comments:

Commission Member Gawlik thanked Mayor, City Council, the City of Brecksville, Rachele and Jamie on the behalf of the Kiwanis for all of the help and support for the annual Trick or Trot event on October 19th. The event raised over \$10,000 for Special Wish. It was a beautiful day and a great event. Thank you also to Meg for working with BSA to move some soccer games around that had been scheduled for that morning.

Adjournment: Motioned by Ganim, seconded by Briggs at 8:10pm