

# **Brecksville Recreation Commission**

## **March 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

Roll Call was taken.

**Members Present:** Firestone, Hanna, Ganim, Kern, Lazaridis

**Members Absent:** Boulware, Moleski

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

### **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Hanna, and seconded by Ganim to approve the February 27, 2023 meeting minutes as presented.

### **Council Representative Report:**

City Council wants to express their condolences to Neil Brennan's family on his passing this past weekend.

### **Recreation Director's Report:**

The Visit with the Easter Bunny event is coming up this weekend and is sold out, we are busy getting ready and the event will be held at the Human Services Building. The Aqua Egg Hunt will be held on Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup> and there are a few openings left in the youngest division. On April 7<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday, the Community Center will be open 10am-5pm, and the building will be closed on Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup> for Easter.

Home Days is coming up on June 23, 24, and 25<sup>th</sup>. We will be looking for a few Commission Members to assist with the games again this year.

April 1<sup>st</sup> will open registration for summer aquatic programming, tennis, safety town and new art classes. The first membership prorated for residents will also be April 1st.

### **Athletic Area Report:**

The Youth Volleyball Clinic wraps up this Wednesday. There was a good increase in participation numbers and hopefully this will carry over to higher numbers this fall for the youth league. Peewee & Little Dribblers will be wrapping up the week of Easter. We have gotten great feedback on both programs. Men's basketball tournaments will begin next week to wrap up their season in the next few weeks.

The March sessions of beginning pickle ball lessons were sold out, and we are looking to offer a set of next level classes shortly.

Junior camp has a few spots open in week one, and Sr Camp is completely sold out. Before and after care are at about 65% right now. We are hoping to add a few more kids if we can get the staffing to handle it.

Registration is currently open for tee ball, softball, baseball, soccer, Coed Softball, and Little Hitters. Tennis registration will begin April 1<sup>st</sup>.

A question was asked about moving summer camp to the field house to have more room. It was stated that this being the first year we are still trying to figure some things out. There are some athletic camps already scheduled at the Field House and Bee Keepers will be up there all summer. On nice days, bee keepers are planning to be outside and in the Cafetorium, but if there is bad weather they have asked to have one court. Camp also swims 2 days a week, so having them at the Community Center some days is needed. They will probably be at the Community Center some days, and the Fields House on others.

### **Aquatic Area Report:**

The spring session of learn-to-swim will be in April on Monday and Wednesday evenings, and the swim clinic will be on Tuesday evenings. The Aqua Egg Hunt will be on April 6<sup>th</sup>. We have recently added 2 more sessions of a couple of the popular age groups to accommodate some of those on the waitlist. The lifeguard training class scheduled over spring break has 7 kids currently registered, and we just wrapped up another one with 4 kids.

We are preparing for summer, scheduling some special events and Joe is looking to start working on the outdoor pool next week. Registration for summer programming will begin on April 1<sup>st</sup> for residents.

Summer job applications are starting to come in. This summer's proposed schedule is to open Memorial Day weekend, and then have reduced evening and weekend hours until school is over.

### **CVYO Report:**

With the help of Rachele and the Fire Chief, dates were given for 2 in person CPR/AED classes for coached, and the online program with in person testing. On March 16<sup>th</sup> Tom and Meg English attended the class, and one person attended the March 25<sup>th</sup> class. There was one additional person who completed the class online with an in person skills test. Meg is working with Dan Schreiber, a Brecksville resident to walk the fields and come up with an action plan for each outdoor field. On April 22<sup>nd</sup> BTBA will put on a clinic for all youth baseball and softball players registered for Rec programs, registration will open on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Weather has been an issue for spring sports, even for those scheduled on the turf. Meg is working with Jamie on a daily basis for field schedules. This year BTBA has lost the field at Highland, and at City Hall, Field C is down for work and repairs. Right now baseball and softball are limited to one weekday, and one weekend practice a week. Lax and soccer are practicing 2 weekdays and no weekends.

**Old Business:**

The commission has asked at the last meeting about capital projects planned for the recreation department. The current approved Capital Budget, along with the 5 year forecasted plan was shared with Commission. A few of the items on the list have already been completed and a few more are in the process. The Bocce courts are going to City Council tomorrow for approval. Service was able to paint the lines on the track at the Community Center, and they look good, so that will be removed from the Capital Budget list. The turf prices on the Capital budget in future years are place holders, nothing is set in stone. The department is in the process of revisiting the turfing of A, B, and C with updated options and pricing.

A question was brought up about where else to put a multi-sport fields up at the Blossom. Is the upper field large enough or is there somewhere else to put it.

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Ganim and seconded by Lazaridis to adjourn the meeting at 8:06pm

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn Jatsek