

## **Recreation Commission Minutes**

**Monday June 24, 2024 7:30pm**

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

**Members Absent:** Briggs

**Also Present:** Mayor Kingston, Rachele Engle, Luis Pena, Tom and Meg English, and Carolyn Jatsek

**Minutes:** Approval of May 20, 2024 Minutes, Motioned by Ganim, seconded by Gawlik

### **Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Kingston thanked everyone who attended and assisted with Brecksville Home Days this past weekend. It was hot on Friday and Saturday, but Sunday was perfect. Mayor also acknowledged Luis and his training of lifeguards. There have been two active saves so far this season. The lifeguards did a great job responding, knew their roles and how to backfill. Lifeguards might be the most important position in the City.

### **Council Report:**

Councilman Ganim reported that the enthusiastic group of pickleballers in the Community are very excited about the replacement of Kids Quarters Basketball Court with 4 pickleball Courts

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

Director Engle thanked Nick, Lauren, Meg and Tom for their help at Home Days. The Home Days 5 K Run had 220 pre-registered runners, and some day of registrations. Thank you to Carolyn, Luis and Joe for all their assistance for the race. The first late night swim of the season was a success with 246 member participants and 23 guests.

Tonight from 5-7pm was the first public meeting for Kids Quarters. There were options of different types of equipment for residents to select their preferences for the new playground. The next meeting will be held on July 9<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm.

### **Athletic Area Report:**

Since our last meeting, summer programming is in full swing. Baseball/Softball/Teeball & Machine pitch have a couple more weeks left, should be wrapping up the season in the middle of July. Adult Coed softball was rained out yesterday and has two weeks remaining before the tournament starts. We are entering the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of summer camp and our Youth Tennis Lessons. Both programs are going very well so far. Just a reminder, we will be taking the week of 4<sup>th</sup> of July off for camp and youth tennis and we will be back July 8<sup>th</sup> to continue programming. Adult tennis is going well on Wednesday Evenings. June and August are sold out, July has a couple spots remaining. If you are interested, please register ASAP. The 2024 Bocce league began on June 17<sup>th</sup> and will play until the end of August. Staff met with the CVYO programs (BSA, Football, Cheer, Lax, BTBA) to divide up and allocate field assignments for the 2024 fall season. Practices will begin as early as July 29<sup>th</sup>. Registration is currently opened for the Summer Volleyball Clinic that will take place in July and the Fall Volleyball League. Registration will open for Adult Coed Volleyball and the BSA Soccer Academy in July.

### **Aquatic Area Report:**

The past week has been very busy with the heat, last Wednesday was the busiest day. The next

late-night swim will be by Christmas in July on July 25<sup>th</sup>, and there will be one more in August. Belugas won their first swim meet against Forest Hills. There are 3 home swim meets scheduled for this summer, the first one is tomorrow night. When we host a home swim meet the Natatorium closes at 3pm to set up and prepare for the meet, but the Activity Pool and Outdoor Pool remain open.

**CVYO Report:**

Baseball and Softball are up and going. Soccer wrapped up and held their tryouts for next year. They seeing a large number of kids interested in playing. We are looking at walking the fields to try and find some additional grassy areas for additional practice space. We trying to think outside of the box, they don't always need to practice on a full field to work on skills. Lacrosse is all wrapped up for the season. Another way to think outside of the box is to add the outdoor batting cage between E and F. Teams could do batting practice there and free up a field for another team to practice. Meg also reminded Commission about the importance of a 5 year plan.

**Old Business:**

None

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**New Business:**

None

**Public Comments:**

None

**Adjournment:** Motioned by Ganim, seconded by Lazaridis at 7:55pm