

## **BRECKSVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION**

### **September 25, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

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

Roll Call was taken.

**Members present:** Boulware, Firestone, Hanna, Lazardis and Kern

**Absent:** Ganim and Moleski

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

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Boulware seconded by Kern to dispense with the reading of the August 28, 2023 minutes and to approve them as written.

#### **Council Representative Report:**

Councilman Ganim was unable to attend tonight but sent the following report in his absence. Was looking forward to introducing this conversation on the suggested rate adjustments from the administration. Although we took a deep dive into the Field House rates last year, it has been some time for a holistic review; coupled with the addition of new programming along with new physical facilities, I believe the goal of bringing a more equitable pricing structure and better defining some administrative processes is a step we can all agree on. There is certainly some "sticker shock" when you look at the increases being a percentage of increase for some programs, which I don't want to lose sight of the starting point being extremely low (in some cases \$0) and the net of this proposal being less than \$5 per athlete a week, for maintained practice and game facilities. Looking forward to hearing feedback from the Commission.

#### **Recreation Director Report:**

Recreation Director Engle wanted to remind everyone to save the date for the annual Booville Event at the Community Center on Sunday October 22, from 1-4pm, more information will be available on the website. We have our youth pickleball classes going on tonight at the field house with instructor Claudia, who had 2 session of adult lessons that sold out with 16 participants each. The Kiwanis will be hosting their annual Trick or Trot 5K run and event up at the Blossom Property on Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup>. The annual pool shutdown is going well. The contractor are finishing up the column and tile repair work and then we will be ready to begin the annual cleaning process. The fall pickleball tournament went well up at the Field House with 84 people participating over the weekend. Jamie and Carolyn oversaw the event and we have had great feedback and comments from those who participated.

### **Athletic Area Report:**

As mentioned, the pickleball tournament had 40 teams, including local players as well as from Bay Village, Hudson, Green and Eastlake. Everything went very smoothly and we have received lots of positive feedback. The soccer academy is wrapping up next Saturday. Volleyball is going well, practicing 2 times a week, and games will begin this Saturday at the Field House. Adult co-ed volleyball registration is still open.

Registration is going well and still open for first fall session o Pee wee Basketball. This will help reinstate the pee wee skills right before the fall league begins. Weill continue to do a spring session as well. Youth basketball registrations for grades 1-10 are open. The Field E and F re-bulb and control link install is complete. All outdoor field lights are now able to be controlled by the app. The Field project at City Hall is underway. On October 10<sup>th</sup> the lower soccer field will be aerated and over seeded. It is looking pretty good after having a season off to recover. Meg commented that it instrumental that City Hall Fields and the lower soccer field be open for the spring season.

### **Aquatic Area Report:**

All of the Community Center pools are currently shutdown. The TNT water classes has been temporarily moved to the Therapy Pool. The repairs to the columns are almost done, the broken tiles have been replaces, and they just need to repair the tile work around the columns. The new pump will be installed tomorrow, the electrical work that needs to be done is complete. Building Engineering has been working on the air handling unit. The cleaning has begun and the Natatorium, Spa and Activity pool are on schedule to reopen on Monday.

Fall Aquatic Programing will begin on in October with swim lessons on Tuesdays and Thursday, Swim Clinic on Mondays and Kids N Company on Wednesdays. The Blue Dolphins Synchronized Swim Team will begin on October 10<sup>th</sup> and the High School Swim Team will begin practices on the last Friday in October. Both of the High School swim coaches are coaching the competitive swim clinic as well.

### **Fitness Area Report:**

Body 360 with Christie Caruso on Tuesdays and Thursdays is picking up, and we are now offering yoga 5 days a week at 9:30am. The High School Cross Country Team is doing yoga on Wednesday afternoon as part of their cross training. Rhonda is looking forward to our upcoming fall special events!

### **CVYO Report:**

Meg began by thanking the commission for the discussion on player fees that will be coming up later this evening. She just wanted to stress the importance of having all the fields open for spring, and the CVYOs appreciation of all the improvements and repairs that are being done to the facilities. Fall sports will be winding down in mid to late

October. The spring field scheduling meeting will be coming up shortly. Basketball tryouts are coming in the next few weeks and practices will begin in late October.

**Old Business:**

NA

**New Business:**

The proposed 2024 rates schedule had been sent to all commission members prior to the meeting. Discussion was had regarding the rates, specifically the CVYO player rates. The department had been asked to look at those player fees to try and make them more consistent. A first round of numbers were presented, and after lengthy discussion, it was decided to table the approval of the fees. The members of commission were asked to submit their comments and recommendation to Director Engle by the end of the week, and then adjustments will be made and resent to commission members.

**Public Comments:**

None

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Boulware and seconded by Kern to adjourn the meeting at 8:39pm.

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted:  
Carolyn Jatsek