

# **Brecksville Recreation Commission**

## **December 4, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

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

Roll Call was taken.

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

**Members Absent:** Boulware, Lazaridis, and Moleski

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

### **Approval of Minutes:**

The October 23, 2023 were motioned by Ganim and seconded by Hanna for approval as written. Firestone and Ganim approved the minutes, and Hanna and Kern abstained from voting.

### **Council Representative Report:**

Councilman Ganim started his report by thanking the three Commission Members who are finishing their time with the Recreation Commission after tonight's meeting. Thank you to Commission Members Firestone, Moleski and Kern for the time volunteerism over their time on the Commission. Application for the open spots on Commission will be accepted through this week at City Hall. Councilman Ganim also wanted to thank Commission member Firestone for bringing Councilman Stucky's retirement from Coaching up at the last meeting. City Council recognized Councilman Stucky for his 40 years of coaching and volunteerism at the last meeting.

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

Mayor Hruby sent along a report share tonight as interim Recreation Director. 2024 Community Center Memberships are now on sale. Residents will receive a \$10 discount on their membership if they renew in December. Breakfast with Santa registration opened on December 1<sup>st</sup> and is currently sold out with a waitlist. Santa's calling will take place next Tuesday and Wednesday evening. Any parents that would like to be on the list should contact the Community Center to get a call from the North Pole. The Annual Children's Christmas Play will be this Saturday and Sunday with performances at 11am and 2pm. The fall craft and swim event took place the week of Thanksgiving and those who attended enjoyed the event. Look for information for special events during winter break soon!

### **Athletic Area Report:**

Athletic Coordinator Mewhinney reported the PeeWee Basketball wrapped up the first fall season with over 90 kids. Basketball is going on at the Field House now everyday with the Field House back to being open and busy 7 days a week. There are 267 kids in Rec basketball grades 1- High School which is up 10 kids from last year. CVYO off season practices are getting schedule now. The travel basketball end of the season tournament will be February 23-25<sup>th</sup>. We are offering a winter camp again this year. With the extended winter break schedule this year

there will be a winter break camp January 2-5<sup>th</sup> to help parents who are heading back to work after the New Year. The camps are between 60- 75% full currently.

The Field C fence project should be wrapping up in the next few weeks. The pavement part is complete. The City applied for a Cleveland Guardian grant for roofs on the dugouts at City Hall for both foul ball protection and sun shade. We should hear back in the next few weeks.

Registration for Youth Volleyball, winter PeeWee Basketball, Little Dribblers and spring soccer will begin in the New Year.

### **Aquatic Area Report:**

Registration for Winter Aquatic Programming began on December 1<sup>st</sup>, and is going well. The City hosted an impromptu diving meet. The High School was swimming at Wadsworth which does not have a diving facility, so we hosted the diving section for Wadsworth, North Royalton and Brecksville. It went well. The first home meet of the season will be next Wednesday. The Natatorium will close starting at 3pm on home meet days. There were extended hours at the activity pool during Thanksgiving Break, and we are planning to do the same during winter break. The competitive swim clinic begins Monday and we are full.

### **Fitness Area Report:**

Christie and Gina's Classes are going well. Gina will be bringing back her 6:15 class on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There are still yoga classes 6 days a week, and the senior classes are going strong. The Part time staff is amazing and does a great job! The intro to fitness class is available by appointment for those between the ages of 13-15 who are interested in learning how to use the fitness equipment.

### **CVYO Report:**

Meg wanted to echo Councilman Ganim's statement about what a nice job the Mayor and City Council did recognizing Brian Stucky's 40 years of service in coaching. While he has retired from coaching, he is still serving on the CVYO Board. The scoreboard has been installed at Stadium Drive and looks great. Thank you to the City for getting it done through the grant. It would be nice to get some training scheduled on how to use it before they spring season starts. The CVYO is working with Jamie to schedule off season scheduling for practice times at the Field House. There have been many requests from BSA, Lacrosse and Football, remaining times will be offered to travel basketball. Looking at 2024 and beyond, it is understood that Kids Quarters is priority, but CVYO just wants to make sure everything is still on target for the 5 year field plan, and it is understood that the turf field needs to be replaced. Meg ended her report with a huge shout out to Mayor Hruby for his support over the years for the youth and their families in the Community. He has always been a huge supporter of all their programs.

### **Old Business:**

None

### **New Business:**

None

### **Public Comments:**

Public Comments were made by :

Connor Matteson of 4784 Westminster Lane Broadview Heights, OH 44147  
Alex Wladyka of 6107 Warblers Roost, Brecksville, OH 44141  
Eric Wigman of 7532 Winding Way, Brecksville, OH 44141

Three young members of the Community were at the meeting tonight to request that the field next the Field House at the BBHES be turned into a safe space for them to play soccer. Currently the field is used for football, and is full of rocks and stone, and uneven. They would like for the field to be made more usable and soccer goals to be purchased so they no longer have to play soccer on the blacktop. These young gentleman have also presented to the BBHCSD School Board to ask for the field to be upgraded and maintained as well. Commission Member Hanna thanked them for their presentation and agreed that the field could use some work to become a nice playable field.

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Ganim and seconded by Kern to adjourn the meeting at 7:49pm

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, January 22, 2024 at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn Jatsek