

## Recreation Commission Minutes

Monday March 18, 2024

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

**Members Absent:** None

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

**Minutes:** Approval of February 26, 2024 Minutes, Motioned by Ganim, seconded by Boulware

### Mayor's Report:

Mayor Kingston reminded everyone that tomorrow is an election day, and polls will be at the usual places Community Center, Blossom Hill and the CVCC. Issue 26 is the only issue on the ballot.

Sleepy Hollow will be celebrating its 100 year anniversary on May 24, 2024. Some sort of event will be held and the City will be presenting them with a proclamation, more details will be sent out as they are finalized.

### Council Report:

Councilman Ganim announced that the Solar Eclipse event is coming up in the next few weeks and thank you to all of the vendors who are coming to be a part of the event. Thank you to all the departments for how they handled the Service Department fire. The Riverview Road Project will begin next week and will last 45 days.

### Director's Report:

On March 1<sup>st</sup> we hosted a doubles pickleball tournament at the Field House, thank you to all who came out to play! The Aqua egg hunt was last Friday and there were over 200 kids who participated ages 6 months to 12 years old. Tomorrow is the sold out Visit with the Easter Bunny event that will be held at the Human Services Building from 4:30-5:30pm. Summer athletic program offerings registrations are underway. Sr. Camp is completely sold out with a waitlist, and Jr. Camp has a few spots available. The Service Department has been doing some painting around the Community Center, including the childcare room and the game room. Ballfields opened last week, and are closed today due to snow. Lacrosse and soccer have been able to get on the turf. AAU basketball tournaments are continuing to go on at the Field House on weekends, and lots of practices during the week.

### Athletic Area Report:

Carolyn Jatsek gave the Athletic report in Athletic Coordinator Mewhinney absence. Summer Registrations are open for baseball, softball, tee ball, little hitters, tennis and camp. Pee Wee and Little Dribblers basketball programs are about half way through and Men's Basketball will be heading into their end of season tournaments in the next few weeks.

### Aquatic Area Report:

The Aqua Egg went well. Thank you to the aquatic staff for all their hard work. Pictures from the event can be seen on the department's Facebook page. Kids N Company is going on

Wednesdays and the Tuesday Swim clinic has 55 swimmers enrolled. The next set of group Learn to swim lessons will begin on Mondays and Wednesday in April. Summer Registration will begin May 1<sup>st</sup>. If staff is available we will be able to extend activity pool hours during spring break ideally 1-7pm. We should know by Wednesday if this is possible.

**Fitness Area Report:**

Rhonda reported that a lot of people are continuing to come to the Community Center to work out. Pure Barre will be closing its Brecksville Location, and some of the instructors are in conversation about bringing their classes to the Community Center beginning in May.

**CVYO Report:**

Bees Travel Basketball is wrapped up. They concluded with their tournament at the Field House in the end of February. Thank you to Rachele and her staff for hosting it, there was plenty of staff onsite. Soccer, Lacrosse, Baseball and Softball are all starting their outdoor seasons. Teams are scrambling to get some indoor times at the field house with the weather. Starting tonight we have been able to move people inside. The walkway at City Hall is finished to the caboose and parking lot and looks nice and gives people easier access to watch games.

Meg had stopped by to watch a game on Field F and noticed that the connectivity project is underway back there and is very pleased with the amount of brush that was removed behind the comfort station and hopes that this will continue along the baselines of E and F to make it more accessible to go after lost balls. There has been many discussions in the past about being able to clear more of the brush to make it possible to go after foul balls for both travel and rec teams. There is a good relationship between the travel, rec and the service department for communication about the fields.

**Old Business:**

Councilman/Chairman Ganim gave a quick update on the sponsorship committee. They are working on scheduling meetings to come up with a clear vision in time for budget season. As far as the plan, plan, there is some follow-up work being done and we are working on getting some information together for the group. Conversation was had about the 5 year plan and how that would fit in with the sponsorship committee to help with fundraising for certain specific items. Discussion was had about sending out surveys or other methods of collecting constructive feedback. Meg mentioned that members of the CVYO have a recommendation that they would like to bring to the commission as well when they are ready. It was also discussed that we need to take care of what we have before we expand our facilities. The Mayor addressed fundraising, noting the different levels. Maybe look for a corporate partner to help with one project, and mid-size donation feeding into the Recreation budget in general. A larger company like Lubrizol who we can offer a City sponsorship where they would donate one large sum of money that could be broken out with smaller amounts going towards different programs, instead of being asked to write multiple checks by different City departments.

**New Business:**

None

**Public Comments:**

None

**Adjournment:** Motioned by Ganim, seconded by Gawlik at 8:13pm