

## NORTH ROYALTON RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The Recreational Board meeting was held on September 24, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m. by Mr. Wells

**Present:** Committee Members: Chair Russ Wells, Todd Althouse, Tony Santangelo, Jason Swim, Dr. John Kelly, Paul Marnecheck; Recognized Clubs & Organizations: Ron Widlewski (NRBB), Vince Weimer (NRSC), Mike Lee (BANR), Dejana Cinquepalmi (NRCG); Non-recognized Clubs & Organizations Ally Carrie (YMCA)

**Absent with Cause:**

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Motion to accept July meeting minutes by Dr. Kelly, Mr. Marnecheck 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion carried. Mr. Althouse abstained*

### REPORTS

**Recreation Department: Jason Swim** – Quiet now. They are getting ready for the Fall renovations for soccer and baseball. Memorial soccer field will be the focus. They will be starting city green turf maintenance soon. The schools are allowing them to use their Ventrac attachment. There were 54 runners for the Bear Run this past weekend. Joseph Huffman was the winner

**School Board: Dr. John Kelly** – See attached notes.

**Council: Paul Marnecheck** – The North Royalton County Library is having a used book sale on Oct 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am -3:30pm. There is a lot of construction work going on throughout the city this Fall. They hope to have the State Road water main completed by the end of October.

### NORTH ROYALTON RECOGNIZED CLUBS:

**Baseball (NRBB): Ron Widlewski** – NRBB shared long and short-term needs with city. They want the city to talk about them. They will be using new registration software this season, Sports Pilot. The travel teams down by 2 teams because of elite travel teams outside NRBB. NR Baseball 2020 season registration will open Nov 1st. See attached list from Mr. Barbeck. Mr. Antoskiewicz added he was aware of the list and he thought the city would be able to address some of the items. The list needs to be prioritized. There were discussions on reasons why travel teams are losing players and entire teams. Talked about paying travel coaches.

**Soccer (NRSC): Vince Weimer** - All teams are registered in the new registration system. Travel numbers are down, but rec numbers up. NRSC are discussing dropping academy beginning age down to 4 years old. Mr. Weimer thanked Rec department for the great job on field condition. They are also looking into cyber security insurance.

**Basketball (BANR): Mike Lee** – BANNR now has cyber insurance. They have just finished tryouts. There are 91 kids making up 7 boys' teams and 4 girls' teams. They have struggled getting flyers out at the high school. They wanted to get them distributed 1 week before registration, instead of 4 weeks before. They want to work with schools for a better system. They sent 50 kids to the YMCA rec program. They are going to use Middle School Gyms instead of High School Gyms this year. Their request for the High School Gyms was denied. However, they were able to get Gym times for practices. The Gym time is only for Boys...they do not have Gym times for Girls. They lost 2 teams to St Alberts. They will be playing at halftime on Feb 26th, 2020 Cavs game. This is the first year for BANR playing at half time. Mr. Lee asked help for getting Gym time. Dr. Kelly recommended that he to talk to Jim Presot.

**North Royalton Community Garden (NRCG): Dejana Cinquepalmi** – They only had 148 lbs of product to donate this year. Last year they had 300lbs at this time. They are trying to hook up a water source for the garden. The Rec Dept has been watering. The Scouts backed out of building new plots, but NRCG is going to try to build 10 plots on their own. They hope to eventually build 20 new plots. The NRCG display won first place at county fair (Blue Ribbon and \$100).

#### **NORTH ROYALTON NON-RECOGNIZED CLUBS:**

**Football (NRYF):** Not Present – No Report

**YMCA: Ally Carrie** – Brandon left the North Royalton YMCA for a position at the Stark County YMCA. Doug Cole has been named the interim North Royalton YMCA Director. They project 250 participates this season. The Jr Cavs start on Oct 19th.

**Mayor Robert Stefanik** – No Report

**Larry Antoskiewicz, President of Council** – No Report.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

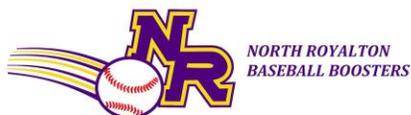
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#### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 6:00pm. Dr. Kelly moved to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Marnecheck. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:43pm.



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**Date:** 9-23-19

**Purpose:** Review the York Road Complex & Memorial field and identify long and short term improvement projects.

**Overview:** The following list was comprised by the North Royalton Baseball Boosters (NRBB). The overall condition of the facilities used to conduct the NRBB's baseball and softball programs, as well as those offered by the YMCA, has reached a critical state. The NRBB feels this list can be used to prioritize efforts for short and long term improvements.

**General Conditions**

- Revise City Ordinance - permit use only
- PA System reaching entire York Complex
- Address all uncovered electrical outlets
- Repair/replace fence areas around electrical boxes
- Replace wood strip holding rubber mats on backstop with impact absorbing pad
- Paint/replace/repair all rusted & raised fences
- Rails/guarding on stands
- Shade over spectator areas
- Treat outfield grass to reduce clover (weeds)
- Treat weeds along fence lines often
- Review and modernize electrical boxes, breakers and etc.
- Label all switches and breakers (scoreboards, lights, and etc.)
- Replace all old wood-top dugout benches
- Install fence toppers
- Address leaning light poles
- Parking lot - more spaces needed
- Dugout equipment trees
- Install/replace/paint outfield distance signs
- Internet Access
- Adjust sensitivity or move sensor in women's restroom
- Siding on the west side of field house is rotting

**Field 1**

- New scoreboard
- Address upper portion of backstop
- Left field lights were out half the year
- Drainage in outfield
- Warning track with drain tile
- Extend dugouts for equipment stands
- Gap under fence - 3rd base dugout
- Netting to prevent balls from reaching rec dpt roof
- Add electrical outlets behind backstop

**Field 2**

- Drainage
- More room needed for 1st base dugout
- Fence needed around 3rd base dugout
- Level concrete behind backstop and into first base dugout
- Close off openings to parking lot so children can't wander into the parking lot
- Eliminate raised center & right field caused by Field 4 & 5 wash
- OF lights did not work for half the year
- Remove old scoreboard poles
- Reset home plate

**Field 3**

- Address gap under backstop fence
- Reposition dugouts closer to home plate
- Drainage along 3rd base and LF
- Rebuild mound
- Netting to eliminate foul balls landing on roof of county building
- Access to area behind county building to retrieve foul balls

**Field 4**

- Drainage in left field which flows against and in front of the field house
- Backstop on field 4 is leaning & raised from freeze
- Move home plate away from backstop
- Warning track

**Field 5**

- Address drainage (crown infield, standing water in left field)
- Move home plate away from backstop
- Warning track

**Field 6**

- 1st base dugout door is too high
- 3rd base dugout too narrow

**Field 7**

- Gap under 3rd base dugout door
- 1st base dugout too narrow

**Field 8**

- 14-lights have been out for over 15-months
- Home / Away dugout signs
- Rebuild mound
- Netting to protect parking lot

**Memorial**

- Rebuild mound

**Concession Stand**

- Replace plumbing to water fountain, or replace fountain all together with new fountain which can provide cold water.
- Add mesh to eliminate birds nesting in rafters
- Add/Improve signage
- Increase building size

### **Field House**

- Add gutters - eliminate water in front of door and hazardous winter ice conditions
- Weather seal rafters - space between trim and brick, eliminate carpenter bees
- Paint new door
- Add gasket around door
- Replace all fluorescent and others with LED lights

### **Batting Cage**

- Address enclosure - replace fence, gaps, stretched, rusted
- Align strike zones
- Possibly expand (wider)

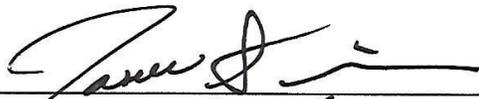
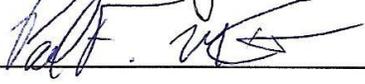
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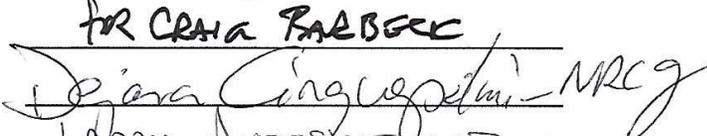
- 1) Walk through between field 4 & 5, to access fields 6 & 7
  - Paved for handicap access
  - Address drainage issue between field 4 & 5
  - Address leaning poles
  - Address cramped dugouts
  - Address leaning backstop on field 4
  - Address room between backstop and home plate on field 5
  - Allows for standing along fences for spectators
  - This is a WOW - type of upgrade - residents can see improvement
- 2) New, energy efficient lights - fields 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
- 3) Web accessible timers on all fields except 8
- 4) Add small field (ages 5-8) (Lost St. Albert South, Losing St. Albert North, Royal Redeemer and possibly Albion)
- 5) Facility for indoor hitting, pitching
  - Keep players in the NR program
  - Strengthen feeder system for NRHS
  - Keeps money in N, reduces dollars NR teams pay to outside-city 3rd parties
- 6) Artificial turf infields 2, 4 & 5

NORTH ROYALTON RECREATION BOARD

Attendance Sheet

September 24, 2019

Jason Swim	Recreation Director	
Todd Althouse	Board Member	
Tony Santangelo	Board Member	
Russ Wells	Board Member	
Dr. John Kelly	School Board Member	
Paul Marnecheck	Council Representative	

 - NRSC  
 - NRBB  
for CRAIG RAABECK  
 - NRCg  
LARRY ANTOSKIEWICZ  
Michael Lee - BANR  
Abby Carter - NRYMCA

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