

NORTH ROYALTON RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

The Recreational Board meeting was held on September 22, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mr. Wells

Present: Committee Members: Chair Russ Wells, Todd Althouse, Tony Santangelo, Dr. John Kelly, Jason Swim, Jeremy Dietrich; Recognized Clubs & Organizations: Craig Barbeck (NRBB), Guy DiSiena (NRSC), Dejana Cinquepalmi (NRCG); Non-recognized Clubs & Organizations: Jeff Jacko (YMCA)

Absent with Cause:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept July 2020 meeting minutes by Dr. Kelly, Mr. Santangelo 2nd, Abstain – Mr. Althouse - Motion carried.

REPORTS

Recreation Department: Jason Swim (absent) – Bids are in for lights at York field and they were lower than expected. The city plans to add in the optional tasks, such as, lights for the walkways, main distribution panel update and repairs to 3 more poles. May do more if NRBB adds funds but are waiting on final numbers from contractors.

School Board: Dr. John Kelly – See attached report for NRCS

Council: Jeremy Dietrich – NRBB and NRSC club request for the city to require permits to use city fields is under consideration by NR Legal Dept.

NORTH ROYALTON RECOGNIZED CLUBS:

Baseball (NRBB): Craig Barbeck – NRBB has filled all their 2020-2021 positions. An eagle scout is going to do something to keep the birds from roosting in the rafters and a baseball silhouette design for the building.

Soccer (NRSC): Guy DiSiena – See attached report for NRCS.

Basketball (BANR): Mike Lee – Not present. No report.

North Royalton Community Garden (NRCG): Dejana Cinquepalmi – See attached report for NRCG

NORTH ROYALTON NON-RECOGNIZED CLUBS:

Football (NRYF): Not present. No report.

YMCA: Jeff Jacko – Swim team is going on as usual – HS team is practicing. Bubble blast is virtual this year. Jr Cavs season has started. The Y-Cares program is going

well (aftercare and before care). The Y has upped their Wi-Fi bandwidth for virtual learning.

Mayor Larry Antoskiewicz – Mayor Antoskiewicz thanked the garden club with dealing with Covid issues and everything else they do. The local food banks are well stocked, and he thanked them for the fresh produce. He also thanked NRBB and NRSC on all they did to work through the Covid challenges. The city is considering an electric car station by the YMCA or another site. They are going to pursue a grant for funding. May add more stations if funding becomes available. They city does not pay the electricity for the charging stations. The stations will be self-pay. The city is planning trick or treat from 6 to 8 on Oct. 31st. The police will be on patrol to keep everyone safe.

Paul Marnecheck, President of Council – No report.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 6:00pm. Dr. Kelly moved to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Mr. Santangelo. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.

Schools Report for September Rec Board

As everyone is aware the school year started on September 1st virtually. Due to consistent sustained improvement in county statistics that virtual model became blended starting 9/22. Students are divided into two groups with one group attending Tuesday-Thursday and the other Wednesday-Friday. Monday is a remote learning/cleaning building prep day. We are hopeful that community spread will continue to decrease so that eventually we can return to a model where students are in the building 5 days a week.

Fall sports and activities, including band have moved forward using state and county guidelines. There have been exposure incidents affecting football, soccer and band. Our tracing and controls protocols were followed; and all incidents were traced and resolved. We have learned that each exposure incident is unique, but with each incident our response team led by school health director Carolyn Baetger and personnel director Pat Farrell has streamlined and improved their response. Plans are to begin winter sports following the same guidelines. The stadium is now open to community access and plans are underway to discuss access for community groups to indoor facilities after determination of the specific needs of our teams and groups has been clarified.

In construction, the District was given the keys to the new addition in early August. The final result has been better than expected. The new facilities have been occupied for instruction and except for minor punch-ticket glitches they are functioning well. The renovation of the 70's-80's section of the building is started and progressing well. We are on target to move back into that portion of the building in the Spring. That will start the renovation of the band, art and consumer science hallway. We are very excited that starting today students will be in the building and getting to enjoy their new facilities. At the elementary building the last of the windows and external face-brick should be nearly complete at this time. The interior portion has been studded with drywall installed and some painting on the second floor already complete.

Finally, the start of school on 9/22 means school buses will again be on the road. On Monday the District started an expanded community education and reminder program to target residents and parents and keep kids safe. We have enhanced visibility on our fleet with more lighting and where possible external cameras have been added to aid law enforcement in catching and prosecuting violators. Thank you council and Mayor Antoskiewicz for stiffer fines; but our goal is to prevent violations and do all we can to keep kids safer without trying to catch violators.

REC BOARD MEETING REPORT for September 22, 2020



Updates since last meeting

The state opened for the return to play of contact sports. We prepared our "Responsible Restart Plan" and presented it to the Mayor, Rec Department and Asst. Law Director for their review. We were asked to present it to the County Board of Health as well. The plan can be seen here. The plan was distributed to all of our families as well as posted to our website and at the field. The Ohio Department of Health Coaches Covid 19 Education Program was distributed to our rec and travel coaches through an additional coach's compliance jot form here.

We worked with Jason and his department to prepare Heasley for games. We eliminated one of the three small U8 rec league fields that play on top of the 9v9 games field on field #1, the bleachers were removed and stored under the pavilion as all of the picnic tables were removed, hand sanitizer stations were put up, restrooms were signed to limit one person at a time, the concessions closed for the season and warning and instruction signage put out.

Travel

- Travel Practice Started the end of August. The Leagues season started after Labor Day weekend and will consist of 8 games and will be operated under new rules to encourage safety and separation at the games.
- The first two weeks of games have gone well.
- The Fall League tournament in Lodi has been canceled.
- We have 204 players registered and playing on 17 teams. Up from last year.

Rec Leagues

- Rec League practice started the end of August and our Saturday Academy Sessions and Rec Leagues games started on September 12th. Academy players were separated across two fields instead of one and game on each field were separated by over ½ hour between games and staggered 15-minute starts with adjacent fields. Each field has time to clear before new players arrive and staggered start times for fields allow for better spacing of families coming and going from the complex. Fewer teams helped in that area.
- The first two weeks of games has gone well.
- We have over 75 Academy and 250 Rec League with 20 teams (down from 114 & 319 over 36 teams)

We plan to continue sending reminders to families regarding masks, separation and handwashing throughout the season. So far people are cooperating, just happy to have their kids out there. GD

NRCG Report for Sept. Rec Board

Over the last two months the garden has been working on their expansion project. Our holdup was due to not being able to get lumber, because of the shortage due to covid.

Waterlines were installed by the city and 4 new spigots. Our Rec dept has been extremely helpful with this entire project.

We have completed the building of 24 of the 31 planned plots, received donated 40 yards of wood chips for the walkways. This will allow for many new gardeners starting in the spring of 2021.

Next year in the spring, we will complete the expansion by adding seven high planter boxes/plots

Received an anonymous donation of \$5,000 and \$200 from another two donors.

Home Depot and Lowes donated 2 pallets of cardboard and 15 pallets of open soil bags which allowed us to start filling the plots.

We received donations of new tools from several sources and 30 bags of saw dust to amend the plots.

Our gardeners worked extremely hard (over five different workdays) to get the garden to this point.

We are continuing to donate produce, 305 lbs. to date.

Last phase for this year will be to bring in 40 yards of garden soil to fill the new plots and amend the current plots.

Build replacement boards for nine plots and fix the two collapsed high planter boxes and general cleanup for season end.

Workdays are schedule for Fri Oct 9 (9 till 12:30 then 2-5pm) and Sat Oct 10 (9-3pm) in conjunction with St. Alberts service day,

We are hoping to get many volunteers from them to move that much soil around. Looking for donations of soil for this last phase of the garden build. Plan for next year will be to complete the high boxes and will be looking into getting a permanent large sign for the garden to be placed facing State Rd and some landscaping around the outside of the garden.

NORTH ROYALTON RECREATION BOARD

Attendance Sheet

September 22, 2020

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

AD NRSE	
Craig Berbach NRBB	
Dejana Cingolani NRCG	
Jeff Janko YMCA	
Lily Antastkewicz	