

NORTH ROYALTON RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

The Recreational Board meeting was held on October 27, 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; Recognized Clubs & Organizations: Rick Vadovski (NRBB), Guy DiSiena (NRSC), Dejana Cinquepalmi (NRCG); Non-recognized Clubs & Organizations: Jeff Jacko (YMCA), Mike Lee (BANR)

Absent with Cause: Jeremy Dietrich

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept September 2020 meeting minutes by Dr. Kelly, Mr. Althouse 2nd - Motion carried.

REPORTS

Recreation Department: Jason Swim – The lighting contractor is waiting on their light order from the manufacturer. They will be aerating and over seeding soccer and baseball

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

Council: Jeremy Dietrich (report given by Paul Marnecheck) – The city applied for a grant for an electric vehicle charger. They now own the house at the Royalwood, Ridge and Julia. They will be demolishing it, so they can straighten out the intersection. They are having a Halloween decorating contest. Council members will be driving around on Halloween to judge the decorations.

NORTH ROYALTON RECOGNIZED CLUBS:

Baseball (NRBB): Rick Vadovski – NRBB can donate 35k to the York Rd Fields lighting project. Travel registration opens 11/1/20.

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

Basketball (BANR): Mike Lee – Tryouts went well with Covid precautions. 9 teams 88 kids. Coach Lapsevich did a clinic at Brunswick Hoop Guru. Games will not start until Nov 21-22 and go through end of Jan. 2021 for Boys 3-6 and Girls 4-6. They have a new board member. Practices started 2 weeks ago. BBANA are using 7 facilities throughout Cleveland for practices. They did not use any NR School gyms this year.

North Royalton Community Garden (NRCG): Dejana Cinquepalmi – NRCG completed the garden expansion and filled the beds with soil. The season is over. There are a few late season crops still wrapping up. They donated 379 lbs. of produce. Garden members and 14 St. Albert volunteers helped with expansion and cleanup.

They plan to complete phase II of the expansion next year and add a sign. 30 people are on the waiting list which will fill any remaining or expanded plots. They plan to put everything away for the winter this weekend.

NORTH ROYALTON NON-RECOGNIZED CLUBS:

Football (NRYF): Not present. No report.

YMCA: Jeff Jacko – The Cares program is continuing because the school district is remote learning. JR. Cavs started this past weekend. They started the STRONG program. It is FREE wellness and fitness health program to help people during Covid and other stresses in their life. YMCA membership is not required to participate in STRONG program. 200 people signed up for current program in NR – the current program goes through Thanksgiving.

Mayor Larry Antoskiewicz – The Mayor reviewed proposal Memorial Park Master Plan (see *attached document*). He asked for Rec Board and Resident suggestions. Send any suggestions to Tom Jordan tjordan@northroyalton.org

Paul Marnecheck, President of Council – Gave council report for Jeremy Dietrich.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for November 24 at 6:00pm. No December 2021 meeting. Dr. Kelly moved to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Mr. Santangelo. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:31pm.

Schools Report for October Rec Board

Varsity Football- Although winless during regular season play, they had two exciting victories over Amherst and Olmsted Falls. Playoffs ended Friday in loss to Avon Lake. Bears play Friday at Berea.

Boys varsity Soccer – record was 7 -5 -4 in regular season. Advanced in the playoffs with wins against Normandy and Wooster. They play St. Ed's Wednesday 10/28

Girls Varsity Soccer – record was 9 -3 -4 in regular season. Playing Monday night @ Brunswick

Girls Varsity Volleyball – record was 7 – 7 in league play 11- 12 overall in the regular season; District semi tonight at Padua

Cross country had respectable seasons. Boys finished 4 -3 - 7th overall at Districts, the girls were 2 – 5 - 9th overall at Districts

Golf – Boys were 6 – 4 tied for 5th in Suburban League; Girls were 3 – 8 finished 5th in Suburban league

Girls tennis – 6 -11 overall

On National signing day Jillian Baracz signed with University of Findlay for softball. Emma Kelley signed with Walsh University for softball

Construction continues to move along smoothly. Attention is being directed now to the plans for the Middle School and the list of items to be accomplished there using the Bond issue funds.

As you are aware, we are currently in All Virtual mode going forward at least for the next period of time. We continue to monitor conditions and are looking into what we can do to get kids safely in school 5 days a week.

REC BOARD MEETING REPORT for October 27, 2020



Our fall season went well with just a few Travel games left to wrap up.

We would like to thank the Mayor, Jason and his staff for their help and support that allowed us to get in this fall season for our players. They along with their families genuinely enjoyed the opportunity to get out and play again after missing the spring season.

- Saturday Rec League and Bears Academy
 - 10/24, the last Saturday of the season (week #7) was canceled due to poor field conditions after early week rains and then the heavy rainfall on Friday night.
 - After starting a few weeks late, we still got in 6 Saturdays of games with great weather and good field conditions. Jason's crew, even short their usual summer help did a good job getting them ready and keeping them cut and striped all season
- Travel Teams
 - Most teams finished their 8-game schedule Sunday 10/25 even with the late start and Heasley firmed up enough by Sunday morning for us to get our last day of scheduled home games in
 - A few games were canceled during the season or postponed due to Covid concerns (not by our club)
 - By playing a little more on weeknights, even with the late start, most teams were able to get the full season in. This gets tricky in the fall as games, on unlit fields like Heasley become difficult to schedule as the days grow shorter and the HS occupies some of the evening hours at Memorial
 - Heasley is now closed for the season so that the Rec Department can begin their fall field maintenance program as weather permits
 - We have a few final 11v11 games scheduled at Memorial for November 1st, field conditions permitting and then that field will be closed as well.
 - We were unable to use the Stadium turf for end of season (poor weather grass field) games this fall due to the schools Covid policies.
- Our trustees meeting and elections are scheduled for November 17th, with our board meeting her at City Hall and a virtual set up for the trustees to participate
- Registration to add players for the Spring season will be announced in December with online dates to sign up set for January & February
- Weather and Covid regulations permitting the use of indoor facilities and the Stadium turf, we will start up again in late March and early April

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Memorial Park Master Plan

Kick-Off Meeting

October 15, 2PM

North Royalton, Ohio

Attendance:

Mayor Larry Antoskiewicz – City of North Royalton
Tom Jordan – City of North Royalton
Jason Swim – City of North Royalton
Jim Presot – North Royalton City Schools
Tom Zarfoss – Behnke
Marie Dowling – Behnke
Andrew Steingass – Behnke

A summary of discussion points, as follows:

Expectations:

- The community garden is to remain; however, the area around it needs improved.
- The acquired parcel north of City Hall needs to be incorporated into the site. Pickleball or a shelter were some of the early options discussed.
- The future of the skate park needs to be addressed. The equipment in the skate park is outdated and the barriers around the park are an eyesore.
 - The demand for a skate park is not fully known.
 - The question of whether the skate park should be removed entirely, replaced in the same location, relocated to a new location in the park, or relocated to another city property needs exploration.
- Tennis and Basketball:
 - The tennis and basketball courts were resurfaced in the past couple years.
 - The lighting could be upgraded.
 - Pickleball is a big request; however, eliminating existing tennis courts for pickleball is not feasible.
- Volleyball sees fair use in the summer. The courts could see some upgrades.
- The original skate pad in the park needs removed.
- Pond and Island:
 - Several opportunities exist here.
 - Currently, the city uses the island for their movies in the park events.
- The shelters could use some upgrades.
- ADA Topics:
 - Bathrooms are currently ADA compliant.
 - The path up the hill can be an issue and is likely not ADA compliant.
 - There have been complaints by users using the shelter at the bottom of the hill about access to restrooms. Currently, the City allows them to use the restrooms in City Hall when City Hall is open. Adding restrooms at the bottom of the hill near City Hall was discussed as an option.
- The unofficial path from the apartments to the north is an issue. Entering the park from here should be minimized.
- Paths and Circulation:
 - Paths in park are Point A to Point B.
 - A looping walking path would be desirable for exercisers.
 - Circulation should be further developed to tie the various park elements together.
- The concession stand near the soccer fields has been vacant for several years and should be removed.
- The park needs a landscape plan.

Drainage Issues:

- A swale coming off the southeast corner of the tennis courts is failing.
- Property owners to the south complain about water sheeting into their backyards. The city and school are looking at making a swale along the property line to capture that stormwater and drain it accordingly. The swale would be divided in two, with some of the water being directed toward the pond and the remaining being directed towards the basin.

From the School's Perspective:

- The school district has a lease with the city for various facilities in the park. Maintenance coordination between the school and city differs slightly for each facility.
- The school district needs six (6) tennis courts, which is the current number. If pickleball is to be added, they should be their own separate courts.
- The district needs the current number of baseball fields to remain.
- The district could "get by" if one of the soccer fields was ultimately eliminated.

From Recreation's Perspective:

- The addition of pickleball is a big request.
- There is no need for any additional baseball fields as sign-ups have been declining.
- Sign-ups for soccer have been slowly increasing; however, there is not a need to add additional soccer fields currently, especially at this location.

Funding:

- There is an opportunity of a NEORS grant, especially when considering the parking lot.

Soliciting Feedback:

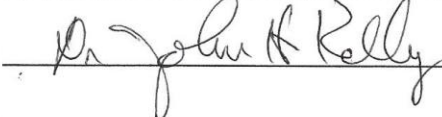
- The city is going to mention the master plan in their newsletter and provide the public a place to submit open-ended comments.
- The project will be brought to the attention of city council and the recreation board.


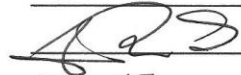
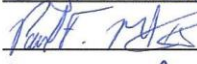
Please advise if there are any corrections or additions to the above notes.

NORTH ROYALTON RECREATION BOARD

Attendance Sheet

October 27, 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	

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