

NORTH ROYALTON RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

The Recreational Board meeting was held on January 26, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by Mr. Wells.

Present: Committee Members: Russ Wells, Todd Althouse, Tony Santangelo, Dr. John Kelly, Jason Swim, Jeremy Dietrich; Recognized Clubs & Organizations: Rick Vadovski (NRBB), Guy DiSiena (NRSC), Curt Prinz (BANR), Dejana Cinquepalmi (NRCG); Non-recognized Clubs & Organizations: YMCA

Absent with Cause:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept November 2020 meeting minutes by Dr. Kelly, Mr. Santangelo 2nd - Motion carried with Mr. Wells abstaining.

REPORTS

Recreation Department: Jason Swim – Things are quiet. They are finishing up the first phase of the lighting update at York Rd. fields. The panel is done, and they hope to soon complete the replaced of the 3 new lights/poles that were leaning. The city is working with NRBB on the new lights for other fields – original bid came in higher than expected.

They are planning a new security fence around the panel on York 3 and new fencing around backstops and gates.

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

Mr. Santangelo suggested that the schools sell or give away the bricks from demolished Albion or Valley Vista school building. The idea was well received. Dr. Kelly said added that the Schools do not plan to sell any property at this time.

Council: Jeremy Dietrich (report given by Paul Marnecheck) – Nothing to report. There is no update on field use permit for non-north Royalton fields, but he will try to have an update for the February meeting.

NORTH ROYALTON RECOGNIZED CLUBS:

Baseball (NRBB): Rick Vadovski – They are preparing for the spring season. Working on COVID measures for starting season. They are advertising for the 2021 season.

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

Dr. Kelly said that they may be able to use stadium this spring, so put the request in now.

Basketball (BANR): Curt Pirinz – All NR teams made playoffs – 6 grade boys finished runner up. They are having trouble finding available gym times – any additional costs for gyms are being passed onto parents.

North Royalton Community Garden (NRCG): Dejana Cinquepalmi – The garden will open March 1st with social distancing in place. They have 103 gardeners and a few more plots to assign. This past year they were able to build an additional 23 large ground plots and plan to build the remaining 7 high raised boxes this spring. This will complete the garden expansion. Other plans include adding another shed, picnic table and benches to this area. They are excited to continue the produce donation program for our city's elderly residents. The additional plots should allow them to double their donations this year. They are looking forward to working with the city on the Memorial Park Improvement project this year.

NORTH ROYALTON NON-RECOGNIZED CLUBS:

YMCA: Kevin Demming – The Jr Cavs basketball program has 200 kids. They are doing service project to collect socks for homeless – YHaven will receive majority of donations. The adult basketball league has started. Registration for the next session (May-June) starts soon. The YMCA is planning T-ball again this year. The Adult softball league wants to use York Rd. and Memorial fields for their 2021 season.

Mayor Larry Antoskiewicz – Mayor Antoskiewicz gave a report on the proposed Memorial Park master plan.

Click the following link to view the preliminary plan:

http://northroyalton.org/pdf_northroyalton/en-US/memorial%20park%20preliminary%20master%20plan.pdf

Paul Marnecheck, President of Council – No Report

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

NEW BUSINESS

Behnke Landscape Architects: Tom Zarfoss lead a discussion about the memorial park preliminary plan. Mr. Wells reminded everyone that the parking lot is full several times throughout the summer. So, removing a section may cause a parking issue. He also likes the splash pads. Mr. Demming said that the YMCA may build splash pad in the future. Ms. Cinquepalmi likes the steps at the Lakewood park that face the water, so she suggested that the city consider something like that for area 10 of the plan. Mr. Dietrich said that splash pads are much less expensive to maintain than pools. He suggested using area 6 or parking lot for splash pad instead of proposed site 17. Discussions continued. Several more thoughts about amphitheater, dog park and splash pad.

Mr. Jordan asked if the plan included all the elements that residents are looking for. The consensus from board is that the plan includes everything residents have been asking over the past few years. Tom added to email him any comments and suggestions.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for February 23rd, 2021 at 6:00pm. Dr. Kelly moved to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Mr. Dietrich. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.

Schools Report for January Rec Board

Athletics:

Boys basketball is 8 – 2 (5 – 1 in SL)

Girls basketball is 1 – 12 (1 – 8 in SL)

Gymnastics is 1 – 0 had a meet against Brecksville on 1/21

Boys swimming is 1 – 1

Girls swimming 0 – 2

Wrestling is 5 – 2 @ Austintown on 1/23

Boys bowling is 1 – 6

Girls bowling is 0 – 5

Schools reopened on 1/11 with K – 4th grade 5 days/ week for those who chose it. MS and HS are Hybrid.

Currently about 9% of families have chosen to remain fully virtual.

Current cases report:

Students: 102 confirmed cases; 117 students isolated; 341 quarantined

Staff: 49 confirmed cases; 57 staff isolated; 106 quarantined

Construction:

Construction at both sites is progressing well. At the High School we are on track for the 70's-80's area to be turned over to us at Spring Break. At that time, teachers will move back from the 300's and 400's, and the arts (old main) hallway will be emptied out and vacated to begin the next phase for the band, choir, art, and consumer science area. At the elementary building we are on time for completion in late April or May. This will allow for move in at the end of the current school year.

Facilities update:

Indoor facilities remain unavailable for use by outside groups. This will continue for the entire 2020-21 school year. Only school groups and teams are utilizing facilities after hours. In regard to this discussion there are some long-term implications for facilities that need to be pointed out.

First, the Board is moving forward at this time with plans to demolish Valley Vista and Albion. These two sites will be "returned to nature". There will be no playgrounds or parking lots or fields kept useable for recreational purposes. Because of the cell towers and oil/gas well on the properties a limited access driveway may need to be maintained. The current timeline would be to move teacher's personal possessions and any useable furniture and fixtures to the new building immediately following the last day of school. Once accomplished, there will be an auction of furnishings and fixtures which were not deemed useable. At the conclusion of that auction the buildings will be emptied, hazardous materials abatement will be done, and the buildings will be demolished. Both properties will be fully graded and then seeded with grass.

REC BOARD MEETING REPORT for January 26, 2021



We ended our 2020 with a financial loss of \$8,923, reasonably good considering canceled Spring Season and all the refunds sent out. The loss for the most part was due to the cancelation of “nonregistration” income events such as picture days, Soccer Days, and other fundraising events due to Covid restrictions. The 2021 Budget was prepared and approved by the board for Presentation to the Trustees for approval at our March meeting.

Registration to take on additional players for the Rec League Spring Season is open thru February 15 with Late Registrations taken until at least March 15th. All registrations are online at NRSC.net.

Regrettably, due to Covid concerns, (space, and numbers and timeslots available) we will not start our spring season with our Indoor Kickoff Event in late March at the Royalton (now MANTA) Fieldhouse nor will we be scheduling our first week or two of Academy Training and Rec League games indoors at the facility. We are hoping that some stadium time will be available to reschedule those April dates, outdoors but on turf as Heasley is usually unplayable in early spring.

- Reg League games are tentatively planned to start on April 10th or 3rd & 10 depending on weather and site availabilities with Saturday games culminating in Soccer Days weekend May 22nd & 23rd.
- Travel season is planned to start Sunday April 11th thru early June.

We are beginning to plan for our Club’s 50th Anniversary season Fall 2021/Spring 2022. More will be announced as event dates and times are worked out.

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Attendance Sheet

January 26, 2021

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	

Dejana Cinguepalmi - NRCQ	_____
Chy Di Siena NRSC	_____
Rick VADORSKI - NRBB	_____
Jan Jordan - N.R.	_____
Tom ZARFESS BETHKE ASSOC	_____
Karin Dammis YMCA	_____
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