

# NORTH ROYALTON RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

The Recreational Board meeting was held on February 23, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mr. Wells.

**Present:** Committee Members: Russ Wells, Todd Althouse, Tony Santangelo, Dr. John Kelly, Jason Swim, Jeremy Dietrich; Recognized Clubs & Organizations: Guy DiSiena (NRSC), Mike Lee (BANR), Laura Tomsik (NRCCG); Non-recognized Clubs & Organizations: Jeff Jacko (YMCA)

**Absent with Cause:**

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Motion to accept January 2021 meeting minutes by Dr. Kelly, Mr. Althouse 2<sup>nd</sup> - Motion carried.*

## REPORTS

**Recreation Department: Jason Swim** – They City is working with NRBB on lights. They want to have lights on fields 4, 5 and 2 finished by the end of May or the first week of June. They are planning adding Diamond Pro on the fields. NRBB shares cost with the City for the treatment.

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

**Council: Jeremy Dietrich** – The City is applying for a second charging station for city hall in addition to the one planned for YMCA.

## NORTH ROYALTON RECOGNIZED CLUBS:

**Baseball (NRBB): Craig Barbeck (report read by Mr. Althouse)** – Player registration is going well. Still too early to know what our numbers will be. Registration to remain open through March, which is where we typically gain 70% of our numbers. The Rec. Dept. asked about phase 2 of the lighting project and losing fields 4, 5 & 2 over a 2-week period at the end of May, beginning of June. NRBB will be able to accommodate this phase with some changes to our schedule. However, if it is delayed or extended, it will cause all types of major rescheduling problems. NRBB asked that the school district checks with demolition contractors to see if there is any way to access Albion Rd field. Maybe to park near the road and walk to the field with pedestrian access. Over the past 4-5 years, they have lost access to both St. Albert fields, Royal Redeemer and now Albion. These losses greatly affect the largest population of our program (boys/girls from 7-10). Depending on our numbers and assuming Albion to be lost from June-July, NRBB may have to resurrect the field at Royal Redeemer. Banner & Backer sponsorships are going strong thus far. Rec practices set to begin week of 4/12.

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

**Basketball (BANR): Mike Lee** – February is tournament month – option for teams. All NR teams participated, they did well. Cavs day is on hold. They ask for feedback from parents. They are hoping to do May and June skills training with coach Lapsevich. Christian Hubble is going to help find gym times from NR, Broadview Hts, etc.

**North Royalton Community Garden (NRCG): Laura Tomsik** – Garden members received their informational forms. A Zoom meeting is scheduled for 2-24 for all gardeners. They still have a dozen open plots to fill. They are making plans for garden spring cleanup in mid-March or April. They have several small projects in mind – like building several benches for the garden, that may be good scout projects. Ms. Tomsik and Mr. Margevicius also talked about Hugelkultur gardening method, which popular in Europe. NRCG are going to try it in.

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

**YMCA: Jeff Jacko** – Jr Cavs brought 170 pairs socks for Yhaven program. They were able to donate 150 staple items to the local food bank. Summer camp registration is open – approaching 50% capacity. Specialty camps are going to open soon. They offer exercise programs for the community and vaccines. The guy that does the Cavs intros stopped by and did intros for Jr Cavs. The aquatic programs continue to go. This week they will pilot their first Spanish speaking swimming class.

**Mayor Larry Antoskiewicz** – The City had open house for master plan for park. There was more input from residents – there were several good ideas. They are continuing to review emails submitted by residents. He discussed preserving memorials, book stations, etc. They are going to try to honor as many requests as possible. The city master plan is being completed. There is a survey on the website to solicit information from residents.

**Paul Marnecheck, President of Council** – No Report

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:00pm. Dr. Kelly moved to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Dietrich. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:33pm.

# Schools Report for February Rec Board

## **Athletics**

Boys Basketball – S/L National Division Champions; Sectional game on 2/24 vs. Midview. If they win, they will play Saturday at Lorain HS

Wrestling -Sectionals at Strongsville 2/24

Bowling – NR had its first bowler (Dominic Cantanese) ever advance to Districts.

Swimming – 4 individuals and two relay teams are State qualifiers.

Gymnastics – Hannah Haffner, Mya Costello, and Julia Falcioni are all District qualifiers.

There are fewer and fewer incidents of exposure being reported and that is great news. Spring sports have been working out and tryouts are in progress. All indications are that Spring seasons will be held for all sports following social distancing and OHSAA guidelines. Coaches and players have been very cooperative, and we look forward to an uneventful Spring season.

## **Construction:**

Construction at both sites is progressing well. At the High School we will be taking possession of the liberal arts wing ahead of schedule. We will start moving teachers and classrooms in advance of Spring break.

The goal will be to complete all the moving required before students return after the break. Hammond will then take over the front of the building to begin demo and construction of the fine arts wing for band, choir, art and consumer sciences. Tours for alumni start on Saturday and extra dates have been added due to high demand. We will be allowing anyone who wishes to take a souvenir brick, to be able to do so. We will not be selling the bricks as a fund raiser. We are about ready to go out to bid for elementary building demo and we are finishing up planning for Middle school renovations involving the media center, a new STEM lab, and HVAC replacement.

## **NRSF**

As many of you know I am also a member of the Stadium Foundation. We are working diligently to raise the funding needed for replacement of the turf at Serpentine Stadium. August 2021 will be the 10-year anniversary of the opening. Typically turf in this part of the country lasts 7 to 9 years. Our turf, however, is in great shape due to diligent maintenance and care. We are planning to replace the turf for the 2023-24 school year. We are beginning now to contact all the 10-year sponsors from our opening to sign up as many as we can to additional advertising and sponsorship contracts. We have every confidence that we will be successful in raising the \$415,000 - \$450,000 for the new turf.

## REC BOARD MEETING REPORT for February 23, 2021



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 along with being the source for any other current information about the Club.

Our March 9th Trustees meeting will be held online as a virtual meeting.

- 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.
- Practices for the season will begin end of March – Beginning of April, weather permitting.

We continue 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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