

NORTH ROYALTON RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

The Recreational Board meeting was held on April 27, 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: Craig Barbeck (NRBB), Guy DiSiena (NRSC), Dejana Cinquepalmi (NRCCG); Non-recognized Clubs & Organizations: Kevin Demming (YMCA)

Absent with Cause:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept March 2021 meeting minutes Mr. Santangelo, Dr. Kelly 2nd - Motion carried.

REPORTS

Recreation Department: Jason Swim – Construction on new lights at York Fields will not begin until June 21 – project should last 2 weeks. Mr. Barbeck wanted to know if they could wait until end of season – Mr. Swim said that it should be only 1 or 2 days per field. Mr. Barbeck said he would check with the other NRBB trustees. The fields are much busier in June compared to May. The Fishing derby is July 23rd from 10am-12pm.

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

Council: Jeremy Dietrich – Permits to use city fields are now required. NRBB requested this change. Charging stations will be installed at City Hall and YMCA. The project was funded by outside grants. Mr. Wells mentioned that Memorial parking lot is full a lot. He was concerned that the proposed park updates may remove parking spaces.

NORTH ROYALTON RECOGNIZED CLUBS:

Baseball (NRBB): Craig Barbeck – Registration is closed except Rookies which closes at the end of month. NRBB approved the \$6k for diamond pro. Overall registration is down 10% over 2019 numbers.

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

Basketball (BANR): Mike Lee – There was a discussion for Basketball to remain a recognized club. They are asking for help from schools and city, so they can get more gym time. If a group is recognized, they are given priority on gym time. Dr. Kelly explained how gym time is allocated by the schools. The Mayor explained that the city owns the soccer and baseball fields but do control gym time at the schools. Tom Grassi explained the history of the gym allocation over the years. Dr. Kelly and Mr. Grassi discussed which schools supply kids for BANR. Mr. Grassi said 99% of the kids are NR

school kids. Basketball is asking for a commitment for gym time this Fall. Mr. Dietrich and Dr. Kelly said they were willing to go with Basketball to meet with Jim Presot to discuss gym time. Mr. Grassi said he would work with Mr. Presot to setup a meeting with everyone. The Mayor asked Dr. Kelly if the schools know the gym the availability for Fall 2021. Dr. Kelly said they did not know yet. Mr. Lee said that they could not use the Varsity gym because the rule, according to Mr. Lee, was that the varsity coach must be in the gym during practice and BANR coaches could not run practice. Dr. Kelly could not confirm that rule. Mr. Santangelo explained the city has worked with schools to set the hierarchy for a recognized city organization when it comes to gym time. Mr. Wells ended discussions with Mr. Grassi setting up the appointment with Mr. Presot to discuss Fall 2021 gym availability.

North Royalton Community Garden (NRCG): Dejana Cinquepalmi – NRCG's last soil distribution workday had fabulous weather, 22 gardeners came out and they had 7 HS students helping. The students earned community service hours. They moved 20 yards of soil in 2 hours. The next workday for wood chip distribution is this Sat May 1 from 9-1pm. NRCG expects numerous gardeners and several students to help. Many have started planting and already have product growing. NRCG still needs another shed for tool storage (6x8 or 7x7 max size).

NORTH ROYALTON NON-RECOGNIZED CLUBS:

YMCA: Kevin Demming – Basketball ends May 22nd, men's softball begins the 2nd Sunday of May. T-ball starts June 1. The YMCA is hiring for summer camp employees.

Mayor Larry Antoskiewicz – The City added 12 parking spots at York field with the removal of the old RTA building.

Paul Marnecheck, President of Council – No Report

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Dietrich read a letter from Oakridge Estates Swim Club requesting city's help filling pool. OESC is paying for the water.

NR Football wants to be recognized by the City for as a *City Recognized Club*. Football has already spoken to Mr. Swim (city) about the requirements. The Mayor asked where they play their games. They play their games at various cities around the area – they play at the NR stadium or other school fields. The Mayor discussed the liability with them using city fields for practices. Mr. Swim did not feel it would be problem with them using the fields if they were not a City Recognized Organization, but they would need to get a permit under the new ordinance. Mr. Swim said there is not a cost for the permit. The Mayor asked if the kids are NR kids – Football said the kids are 100% from NR. The Mayor is not in favor of them be recognized because the extra liability on the city and the burden on the rec department. There were discussions about the cost of using stadium for a non-recognized group vs making a 25K

donation to the stadium foundation – they could pay 2500 per year, so they did not have to pay it all at once. The Mayor feels the best thing for the football and City would be for football to make the 25K donation over a 10-year period.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for May 25th, 2021 at 6:00pm. Mr. Santangelo moved to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Dr. Kelly. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:19pm.

Schools Report for March Rec Board

SPORTS:

Spring Sports are in full swing.

Baseball is 5 – 2 in Suburban League and 10 – 5 overall.

Softball is 7 – 1 in Suburban League and 15 – 2 overall.

Tennis is 4 – 2 in Suburban League and 8 – 4 overall.

Track teams both boys and girls are struggling and have not won a meet this year, but several individuals are doing well. On Friday April 9th, the girls 800 sprint medley relay team broke a school record held since 1977 with a time of 1:52.72.

All teams are looking forward to continued success and a deep run in the playoffs.

CONSTRUCTION:

Progress continues in the fine arts wing of the building and all teachers are moved into the humanities wing. Demolition of the 3-400's hallway is ongoing.

The elementary school is also progressing well with furniture being delivered and final punch list items being taken care of as we head toward completion. The sewer line and road widening is progressing as anticipated and it looks like we will take possession on time. The project remains on budget.

The final GMP for the Middle School renovations has been approved and that work will begin as soon as school ends in May.

It has been decided to delay the demolition of Valley Vista and Albion until it is determined if there is anything unforeseen in the parking lot construction at the high school (unsuitable soils). Right now, the timing would seem to be demolition in the Fall of 2021 (October or so).

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS:

The Board hired Michael Laub as the new superintendent to replace Greg Gurka. Mike comes to us from Avon City schools where he has had great success. He will start on July 1. He brings a strong curricular background and a history of creating opportunities for students to enhance learning on out-of-classroom activities. His record at Avon is exemplary.

2021 Graduation is on Friday May 28th and will be held at Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse

REC BOARD MEETING REPORT for April 27, 2021



Spring Season Start

- April 3rd & 10th went great at the Stadium.
- April 17th all Rec games played at Heasley April 18th Travel was at Heasley & the Stadium.
- Weather pulled some tricks on us this past week. Thursday afternoon there was still 2" of snow on the fields, rains forecasted for all day Saturday (picture day) and we were not sure if the fields would be dry enough to mow & stripe Friday. We canceled Saturday. The Rec crew was able to get on Friday afternoon and Saturday turned out to be a nice day. Fields were still a bit soft if we had played that morning, but we still second guessed the call. Most of Sundays Travel games were moved to the Stadium. Travel games were played on all field at Heasley Monday evening, 4/26.
- Week 4 of Rec this Saturday, Heasley. Picture day rescheduled to May 15th, Heasley.

Travel Tournament

- All travel teams are all registered for the MIST (Medina Invitational Tournament) May 7th, 8th & 9th.
- Due to restrictions, we will not have our traditional NR Hospitality tent
- Travel Picture Day will be at the MIST around game schedules.

Soccer Days Rec Tournament on for May 22 & 23

- 2 games per team Saturday & Sunday
- no final decision has been made about the raffle tent and concessions.

Memorial Soccer Field Work

Agricultural Design took an AERA-vator to the field the field April 8th. It hydraulically opens the holes but does not leave plugs for playing season. It was followed by a fertilization by the Rec Department and overseeding of some bare areas, especially around the goal mouths from HS practices. We have stayed off for several weeks and it has bounced back strong. Hopefully, the Rec Department can put the new weed control machine to good use and now work on the dandelions and other weeds that are popping up to take care of the next item on the list.

The Lights, one pole is still out, and bulbs need replaced on the 5 others. Maybe this summer can finally be the year it is addressed so we can have full use this fall when the days shorten.




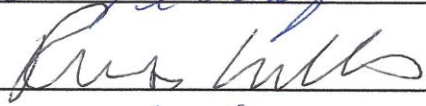
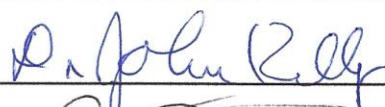

Registration for the 50th Anniversary Season, Fall 2021-Spring 2022 opens May 1st, online, at nrsc.net for Rec and Travel. Travel tryouts are June 1st, 2nd & 3rd.

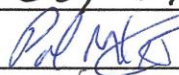
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Attendance Sheet

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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 Circepatani - NREG	
CRAIG BARBER - NRBB	
Donnie Straight - NRYF	straight
LARRY ANTONIEWICZ	
Guy DiSena	NESE
	
Mike Lee	BANR
Kevin Dearing	YMCA