

# NORTH ROYALTON RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

The Recreational Board meeting was held on July 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), Scot Elavsky (NRYF), Dejana Cinquepalmi (NRCG); (Non-recognized Clubs & Organizations: Jeff Jacko (YMCA)

**Absent with Cause:**

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Motion to accept June 2021 meeting minutes Mr. Santangelo, Mr. Althouse 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mr. Wells and Dr. Kelly abstained - Motion carried.*

## REPORTS

**Recreation Department: Jason Swim** – The lights for York Rd fields have delayed shipping again, they are expected to ship by the July 30th – if that happens installation start in 2 weeks with 3 weeks to complete. The Fishing derby had 87 kids. The winner was a 22.5" catfish. Movie in the Park was moved to Aug. 20 and the car show on city green to Aug 21. There will be a magician on Sunday 22 with evening fireworks.

**School Board: Dr. John Kelly** – See attached report. Mr. Dietrich asked about using stadium for a concert or like. Dr. Kelly said they would probably not allow it.

**Council: Jeremy Dietrich** – Mr. Dietrich put together a Hometown Heroes program like the one in Independence. \$100 to submit a banner request. Anyone with NR ties can submit a request. Each banner stays up for 2 years. The first group will be on 82 entering the city from the West

## NORTH ROYALTON RECOGNIZED CLUBS:

**Baseball (NRBB): Craig Barbeck** – The Season is over. Travel tryouts go through 8/6. They are going to have 2 fall teams this Fall. NRBB are accepting nominations for open board positions.

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

**Basketball (BANR): Mike Lee** – Sept 15, 18, and 19th are the basketball tryout dates for grades 3rd – 6th. They had a lot of girls participate in camp. BANR are sending out flyers out about the program.

**Football (NRYF): Scot Elavsky** – Practices begin on Monday Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Picture day is on 8/14 at City Hall.

**North Royalton Community Garden (NRCG): Dejana Cinquepalmi** – This will be NRCG's 9th year competing at the county fair and representing our community. They won 7 Blue Ribbons (1st place), 1 Red Ribbon (2nd place) and lots of bragging rights for all. They are looking forward to another great display and big WIN – no fair was held in 2020.

The Hugelkultur raised big boxes are a great success - lots of produce and there is already a wait list boxes. The produce is fabulous, they have donated just over 100 pounds to the food bank. They are grateful to the Rec Dept for fixing the broken fence quickly, so the rabbits stayed out of the garden.

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

**YMCA: Jeff Jacko** – Swim lesson participation is up. Summer camp is going well. Working through 5K planning on 9/18/21.

**Mayor Larry Antoskiewicz** – No Report

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

North Royalton youth football approved by council as a recognized organization.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 6:00pm. Mr. Santangelo moved to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Kelly. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:33pm.

## **NR Schools report for July 2021 Meeting**

### **ATHLETICS**

At this time, plans are moving forward for all teams and Fall activities to start their seasons normally on August 1; Band camp also opens that day. The new video scoreboard will be delivered and installed for the August 20 home game vs Westlake.

### **CONSTRUCTION**

The District construction project is steadily moving towards completion. Renovation in the Arts section of the High School building is ahead of schedule and on budget. We are awaiting final soil samples and testing for the parking lot to determine final change orders if soils prove unsuitable. That timing affects the demolition timing of Albion and Valley Vista. Interest has been expressed for the Valley Vista property and the Board has decided to put that parcel up for open auction bidding. A primary requirement of all bids is the guaranteed abatement and demo of the old school building.

The ribbon cutting for the Elementary Building is August 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00a. The building will be open for self-guided touring later that morning.

### **OTHER NEWS**

New Superintendent Mike Laub took over in June and has hit the ground running, meeting with administrators and teachers and attending various meetings in the District. He has also had in-depth tours of all facilities and is rapidly getting up to speed.

Teachers will report for convocation and professional development on August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. The first day of school for grades 1 through 12 is August 30. During the week of August 30<sup>th</sup>, kindergarten students will attend individual assessment appointments prior to the full start of kindergarten which is Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. There has been much in the news regarding the uptick in cases from the Delta variant and whether this will affect mask wearing in the buildings. We are awaiting final guidance documents from all the various governing groups before we make a decision. Students will be in the classroom, however. There is a totally virtual option available for any families that are uncomfortable. It will be asynchronous.

On August 3<sup>rd</sup> the voluntary District sponsored Jump Start and Extended Learning program will begin for grades 1 through 12. The program will offer partial day programming for students to brush up on items from last school year and help to get them on track for the start of this one.

Finally, parents and students of North Royalton City Schools will be working with the Supplying Success organization for the annual Stuff the Bus Event for school supplies. This event will take place on Saturday, July 31, 2021, at the North Royalton Drug Mart from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. School supplies collected will be donated to families in need before the start of the 2021-22 school year.

# REC BOARD MEETING REPORT for July 27, 2021



## Heasley Paving work

- We would like to thank Jason & Mayor Antoskiewiz for recognizing the poor condition of our lower parking lot and the removal and replacement with full depth asphalt paving, repairs to a bad section on the hill drive and the striping to follow. The original paving was thin asphalt over the old stone lot, and it was past it's useful life.

## Travel

- Travel will end up with about 225 players on 18 teams the most in at last 8-10 years
- Practices will start the first week in August. Games begin August 15<sup>th</sup> and run through the end of October.
- All our teams will attend the Ohio Travel Cup the first weekend in October

## Saturday Rec League & Bears Academy

- We tried to push hard for registrations and urge signup as early as possible and so far, the response seems good. While we will still take late registrations, but we are currently at 550 total, 404 in the rec leagues and 146 in the U5 & U6 Bears Academy. We were at 250 & 75 last fall with the late Covid start, and 376 & 155 total fall & spring adds for last year's combined totals
  - For the Rec Leagues it is 87 more than any of the last 10 years
  - For the Bears Academy it is 42 more than any of the past 10 years
- Instead of 8 teams in boys & girls U8 we will have 12 in each. Girls U11 will go from 3 to 10. Boys U11 will have 6 to 8 and U14 coed 6.
- It appears to be a combination of early registration communications, our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary push, our previously strong numbers at the U5&U6 levels pushing up from the bottom, and people wanting to have outside activities for their kids again. It remains to be seen if the numbers hold for spring additions or we just have more of them signed up for the fall-spring combined.
- Our Fall kick-off (meet your team) is planned for August 14<sup>th</sup>. Practices begin week of the 16<sup>th</sup>.
- First Saturday of games August 28<sup>th</sup>, no games Labor Day weekend then 7 more Saturdays thru October.

## Summer Soccer Camp

- We had a summer Soccer Camp the evenings of July 19-22, with about 125 participants. A good showing, we did not have a camp in 2020 due to covid.
- The camp was run by the NRHS Girls Coaching staff (new Head Coach Larry Zajac, Assistants Lori Pickering & Pete Byrnes) assisted by some of the HS players.

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season plans continue.

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NORTH ROYALTON RECREATION BOARD

Attendance Sheet

July 27, 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	

Scot Elavsky	NRFF Football	_____
Logan In	Student	_____
Dejana Cinguepalari	- NRCCG	_____
Jeff Spore	- YMAA	_____
Art Bell	NRBB	_____
Ramon Knowles		_____
Guy D. Segna	NRSC	_____
Mike Lee	BANK	_____
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