

# NORTH ROYALTON RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

The Recreational Board meeting was held on September 28, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mr. Santangelo.

**Present:** Committee Members: Todd Althouse, Tony Santangelo, Dr. John Kelly, Jason Swim, Jeremy Dietrich; Recognized Clubs & Organizations: Rick Vadovski (NRBB), Guy DiSiena (NRSC), Damon Gambino (BCNR), Don Straight (NRYF), Dejana Cinquepalmi (NRCCG); (Non-recognized Clubs & Organizations): Jeff Jacko (YMCA)

**Absent with Cause:** Russ Wells

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

## REPORTS

**Recreation Department: Jason Swim** – They will be starting York lighting project tomorrow 9/29. The city is preparing for winter.

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

**Council: Jeremy Dietrich** – Deer hunting discussion about bucks vs doe – council modified ordinance from 2 doe before hunter can get 1 buck to 1 doe before hunter can get a buck.

## NORTH ROYALTON RECOGNIZED CLUBS:

**Baseball (NRBB): Rick Vadovski** – The Season is over. They are excited about the York light project

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

**Basketball (BANR): Damon Gambino** – Tryouts in September resulted in 130 kids trying out, 90 kids selected. They were able to create 4 girls' teams / 6 boys' teams (1st time had 4 girls up from 3). Both varsity coaches participated in tryouts. The Girls youth skills camp coming up on Oct 9th led by CJ varsity girls' coach. They also had a camp September as well. March 19th will be Royalton Cavs day. This is where the teams play on the Cavs' court and are recognized. The Oct practices start as Fall sports finish up. The season starts in November with opening tourneys. They are playing in the TNBA League this season. They are gifting \$3000 total to girls' and boys' programs. That is \$1500 each which will combine to purchase a new shooting machine (proceeds raised for external gym time for tryouts that were not needed). They are ecstatic about gym time this year.

**Football (NRYF): Don Straight** – They are in week 6 of season. The boys are 19-11 on the season. Covid has not caused any games to be cancelled. There are 3 more

weeks of regular season. Playoffs begin Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>. Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> is the day at the NR stadium. All 6 teams will be playing on the turf. They are going to have access to scoreboard and games announced. There will be fundraising has been going well. The program is doing well. Don invited everyone to the Stadium to see the teams in action this Saturday – Oct 2.

**North Royalton Community Garden (NRCG): Dejana Cinquepalmi** – The Garden is doing fabulous. They have donated 470# of fresh produce back to the community and still have more growing. They did have several problems with produce thief this year and the culprit has not been caught. The Girl Scout Gold Award project was completed, and they now have two trash/recycle bins with planters on top. Their season end cleanup will happen Sat. Oct 9. The plan to bring in soil to add to new boxes/plots.

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

**YMCA: Jeff Jacko** – The Jr Cavs registration is open – over 100 so far (4 teams). The swim team has new head coach – Tyler Thompson. He will also be coaching the High School team. The YMCA team is up to 60 members so far. The Bubble Run was a success, and they had the largest number of sponsors so far. There were over 150 participants and the NR Key Club assisted with water stops. The YMCA is still having staffing issues for lifeguards and day care folks.

**Mayor Larry Antoskiewicz** – The Mayor spoke about the good relationship with new School superintendent and looks forward to what the future brings. They are trying to get the 2 back courts lined for pickle ball but are waiting on company to complete the work. The State Road culvert repairs started yesterday – they hope to complete in the next 2 weeks. They also hope to replace the upper pavilion and the bridge on pond early next year. Mayor talked about the improvements to memorial park and how they would do their best to minimize impact to regular park use.

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

The new North Royalton City Schools' superintendent, Mike Laub, introduced himself and spoke about his job history and family.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting is scheduled for October 26<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.

# NR Schools report for September 2021 Meeting

## ATHLETICS

Varsity Football- 4 – 2 ; both losses in overtime to ranked teams

Golf

Boys – 4 – 4 4<sup>th</sup> place in S.L.

Girls – 5 – 4 5<sup>th</sup> place in national Division. School high of 21 girls on the team

Tennis

Girls – 12 – 4 4<sup>th</sup> place in S.L.

Soccer

Boys – 2-6-1; 1-1-1 in S.L.

Girls – 12- 4 3 -3 I S.L 4<sup>th</sup> place

X-Country

Boys - 5 meets; finishing in top 20%

Girls – 5 meets finishing in top 50%

Volleyball – 8 – 6 2 – 4 in S.L.

## CONSTRUCTION

On Saturday August 28<sup>th</sup> we held the official ribbon cutting for the Elementary School. The project was completed on time and on budget. Thanks to all the city officials who joined us that day. The school has been open now for 4 weeks. Some early logistical issues with drop-off and pick-up are being worked out and the system is functioning pretty well right now.

At the Curriculum night I asked all the ES administrators what surprised them the most about the start of the year in the new building. Without prompting I got the same answer from all 4; how the students have quickly adjusted to the new environment and how now it looks like this is where they have always been.

At The High School the project is also winding down. The arts hallway and parking lot are expected to be completed in October and the building will be officially turned over to us at that time. Plans for the abatement and demo of Albion and Valley Vista are starting now and should be completed before the snow flies. No bids were received to purchase the land and both will be turned back to nature. RoyalView will be abated, and the building will be converted to non-instructional use.

## OTHER NEWS

Finally, in other news, North Royalton alumna Katie Galuska became the third NR graduate and first female to dot the “I” for the Ohio State Buckeyes. The others were Nick Stefanick and Mike Nary. Her big moment came on Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup>, and she got a nice closeup of her ear-to-ear smile on National TV. She will be dotting the “I” again for the Purdue game on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

# REC BOARD MEETING REPORT for September 28, 2021



Since your last meeting we have completed our 2021/22, 50th Anniversary season registration, formed our teams and are now halfway (week 4) through our fall season that should end the weekend of October 24th.

Our numbers increased from our preliminary reports at the end of July to 825.

We have 223 registered for Travel on 19 teams. 12 are participating in the Ohio Travel Cup tournament this weekend.

We now have 602 in the Saturday Recreation Program, 163 of those in Bear's Academy (U5 & U6) and 439 in rec leagues forming 14 Boys U8 & 12 Girls U8 teams, 6 Boys & 10 Girls U11 teams and 6 U14 Coed Teams. Numbers we haven't had in over a decade. Beside the morning Boys & Girls Academy sessions from 9 to 12 on field #1 & #2, each Saturday, we also play 24 league games at the Heasley Fields Soccer Complex's 3 fields that we reconfigure at times to as many as 8 by multiple striping layouts and rearranging of varying sized goal sets to get our games in by 6pm.

The NRHS Lady Bears hosted a Community Soccer Night, Monday 9/28 when they played Louisville HS, winning the match 2-0. Several of our travel and Rec teams that practice on Monday evenings were invited to hold their sessions on the turf last night from 5:30 to 6:30 and stayed to watch the game at 7, joined by many other community players and their parents for the largest home crowd so far this season. Players wearing their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jerseys were allowed in for free and were recognized at halftime as well as being treated to a video presentation on the new scoreboard showing the current Lady Bears players as they look now and how they looked not so many years ago playing for their NRSC recreation and travel teams.

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


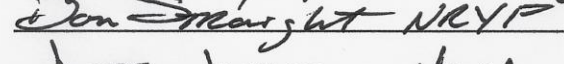

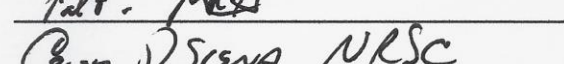
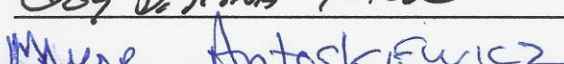
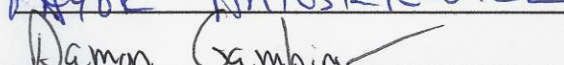
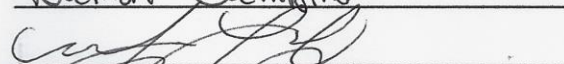
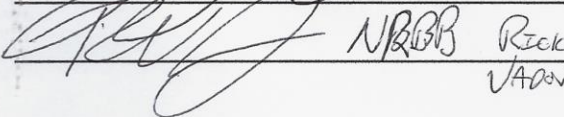
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NORTH ROYALTON RECREATION BOARD

Attendance Sheet

September 28, 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	

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	NRYP	_____
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	NRSC	_____
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	NRBB Rick VADAVKI	_____