

# NORTH ROYALTON RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

The Recreational Board meeting was held on April 26, 2022. 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), Dejana Cinquepalmi (NRCG); Non-recognized Clubs & Organizations: Kevin Demming (YMCA)

**Absent with Cause:**

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Motion to accept March 2022 meeting minutes Dr. Kelly, Mr. Santangelo 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mr. Althouse abstained. Motion carried.*

*Mr. Santangelo made motion to amend the minutes to reflect the discussion that all NR Approved organization are required to have a representative present at monthly Rec Board meetings. Mr. Dietrich 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried. Mr. Althouse abstained.*

## REPORTS

**Recreation Department: Jason Swim** – The bids came back higher than anticipated for York Road fields lighting update. However, the city plans to fix lighting on 6 & 7 and a couple poles only due to the higher bids. They are going to move field 4 & 5 home plate back from the backstop. The Memorial Park splash pad construction has started. They are hoping to get on soccer fields soon for spring conditioning.

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

**Council: Jeremy Dietrich** – The cameras did not pass safety committee. The NR schools partnering with City for Sr. Center. The city plans to run it as part of Rec Departments (NR Office of Aging).

## NORTH ROYALTON RECOGNIZED CLUBS:

**Baseball (NRBB): Craig Barbeck** - Not Present - (*emailed report*) - Insurance policies sent to Rec Dept. Rec draft is complete, players assigned to teams. Registration is up about 50 players this year compared to last year. The girls' registration was up 18% accounting for most of the increase. Rookie registration opens on 5/1/22. Rec season starts the week of 5/23.

**Soccer (NRSC): Guy DiSiena** – See attached report for NRCS. Mr. DiSiena appealed to the city about fields – NRSC lost 2 with Albion and Valley Vista. Heasley needs drainage fixed. They need new places to practice. A few churches that allow field use are not maintained, which it makes it hard for practices. He also mentioned the lights out at Memorial soccer field.

**Basketball (BANR): Mike Lee** – No update. Season is over. Mr. Lee asked for board to discuss the need for out of season sports to attend board meeting. There was discussion with Board members on why we ask clubs to attend meetings, such as field maintenance, discussions with other clubs, city policies, etc. It is only 10 months a year. Mr. Dietrich reminded him that it is 1 hour once a month.

**Football (NRYF): Don Straight** – Not much to report. Just getting season started. Registration for Fall opened on 4/15. So far, they have 40 cheerleaders and 15 players.

**North Royalton Community Garden (NRCG): Dejana Cinquepalmi** – Spring cleanup was this past Sat. There were 30 gardeners and 1 student – materials were donated by rice landscaping. Plots have been rototilled. Parma reps are coming to look at NR gardens. Special thanks to Mr. Swim and the Rec Dept for getting the water ready.

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

**YMCA: Kevin Demming** – Basketball season ends on May 29.

**Mayor Larry Antoskiewicz** – Memorial Park construction is under way. The city plans to keep everything opened but reminds people to be careful around construction areas.

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Dietrich read a letter from Oakridge Estates Swim Club requesting to fill pool for 2022 season. There is no direct cost to city for the water.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, at 6:00pm Dr. Kelly moved to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Santangelo. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:54pm.

## **NR Schools report for April 2022 Meeting**

### **ATHLETICS - update as of 4/25/22**

Baseball – 5 and 1

Softball – 2 and 1

Boys Track – 0 and 3; 3<sup>rd</sup> place at Lakewood Ranger Relays, 4<sup>th</sup> Place Highland Relays

Girls Track – 1 and 1: 3<sup>rd</sup> place at Lakewood Ranger Relays, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Highland Relays

Boys Tennis – 5 and 2

### **OTHER NEWS**

The NRHS Marching band performed at Walt Disney World over Spring Break and as usual represented the schools district and community well. Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble will go to States on April 29 and 30. We wish both bands good luck at State Adjudicated Performance

The State Farm application for a Neighborhood Assist Grant was not moved on to the voting round. I am disappointed at their decision and will continue to look for other opportunities that might arise to aid the Safety Town Project proposed at Royalview.

We are happy to be partnering with the city on a renovation project at Royalview to create a Senior Center. Lots of planning to be done but we look forward to the opportunity to provide community benefit from our building. Of course, we are still moving forward with plans for a permanent Safety Town at Royalview.

It is a very busy time of year, between athletic and band banquets end of year testing and other events. PTA Founder's Night is on Thursday April 28 and Senior Scholarship and Awards on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Plus, all the winding down of Spring sports with lots of rainout makeups.

Finally, Graduation is June 3 at 7:00pm at the State Theatre on Playhouse Square.

# REC BOARD MEETING REPORT for April 26, 2022



**Registration for Spring season adds** was a few over what we projected but down from the prior year that was an Anomaly for recent years. 53 to Bears Academy, 78 to our Rec League and 8 to Travel. That gives us 214 Academy, 514 Rec League so a combined for Saturday Rec at 728 with 231 Travel for a total of 959 registered (less a few that may have dropped out over the winter.

**Weather has been horrible.** The Heavy Snowfall this winter and with the continued rain and late snow they never dried out. Usually, a break and weather help but it never came this year. Equipment could never get on the fields and even though you probably drive by, and they look nice and green. Actually, they are just playable now for young kids, but they are soft to walk on and would give way with an HS/Adult weight and speed run & cut.

Most teams have not been able to have one practice and for the rec leagues that's 4 weeks and travel going on 3. We got our rec teams one game in at the Stadium in early April, missing the last two weekends, even last week that was 80 degrees. We got 3 travel teams on Sunday at the Stadium, and a few had away games in communities with playable fields. The city crews worked above and beyond over the weekend to get them cut and rushed to get them striped by about 2:30 and then that storm came through and we lost 4 more travel games that were scheduled. We've lost two Saturdays of Rec in the recent past but never so many weeks not even able to practice.

We are hoping for better weather the remainder of the season to turn it around for our families.

**Picture Day is Saturday** Traffic on Wallings will be Heavy and we have moved our U14 CoEd teams to the Stadium for field space to take the pictures.

**Registration for the 2022/23 Fall/Spring** year will open in early May

**We are finalizing schedules and plans for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Soccer Days Weekends May 13,14,15 - 20 & 21.**




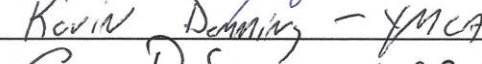
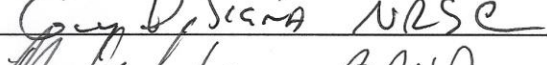

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Attendance Sheet

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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	

 youth football	 - guest
 - NRCCG	
 - YMCA	<del>XXXX</del>
 NRSC	
 BANR	