

NORTH ROYALTON RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

The Recreational Board meeting was held on September 27, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mr. Santangelo

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

Absent with Cause: Russ Wells

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept July 2022 meeting minutes Dr. Kelly, Mr. Dietrich 2nd, Mr. Althouse abstained - Motion carried.

REPORTS

Recreation Department: Jason Swim – The York Rd lighting project is taking longer than planned, but they have the new poles up and hope to finish soon. York 1 will get new LED lights. The Rec Dept. hopes to oversee and patch soccer and baseball fields soon.

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

Council: Jeremy Dietrich – The City is looking for an assistant financial director, but they were unable to find one, so they approved a full-time financial position. Deer hunting is underway again. The program has been changed so you can get any deer – not a doe first before buck. They want to add a memorial in front of the bridge at Memorial Park. They plan to have a ceremony on Veterans Day @ 9:30am.

NORTH ROYALTON RECOGNIZED CLUBS:

Baseball (NRBB): Richard Vadovski Jr. – They are voting for new board this evening. Girls travel registration is already open, boys travel registration opens Nov 1.

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

Basketball (BANR): Damon Gambino – Finished 40 days of free skills for community over summer in late August. First year providing this at the elementary school and numbers helped drive the program. HS and BANR coaches volunteered to support the instruction of the program. Tryouts had 190 kids. This is up from last year which had 130. 102 kids were placed on a combination of 12 teams. This is 2 more teams than last year. The High School and Elementary Schools hosted tryouts for 4 days with the last day this past Saturday. The Varsity Coaches from both boys and girls participated in drills/selection and the tryout process. Practices will start in October; games will start in November. Sometime between Oct-Feb they plan to offer a free skills clinic one day

a week. Dicks Youth Hoops Day: 20% off Oct 7-10th in Parma and Strongsville. Cavs day will be offered at the end of year for players – dates TBD.

Football (NRYF): Mike Kinney – It is week 6th of season. The Freshman and Varsity are 23-1 collective. They are tied for division. Championship week starts on Nov 4th. They are working with Cleveland Browns' Denzel Ward Charity - Project Adam. AED awareness. They hope to have an end of year fundraiser. The goal is to have AED units at all game locations.

North Royalton Community Garden (NRCG): Dejana Cinquepalmi – NRCG won a red ribbon at Cuyahoga County Fair. This is their 10th year. Many gardeners are also participating in fair personally. NRCG will give their last food donation to the food bank on Oct 15. Oct. 10th from 9am-1pm is final cleanup. NRCG has donated 586 lbs of produce so far this year. The garden closes for the season on Nov. 1st.

NORTH ROYALTON NON-RECOGNIZED CLUBS:

YMCA: Jeff Jacko – The NR YMCA participated in regional health fair. They are gearing up for the Jr. Cavs season. They Partnered with Rise and Love charity for cleaning supplies.

Mayor Larry Antoskiewicz – The construction of the splash pad at Memorial Park has been started. They want to build walking trail through Memorial Park. The Community gardens are not being moved in 2023.

Paul Marnecheck, President of Council – No Report

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for October 25th, 2022, at 6:00pm Dr. Kelly moved to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Mr. Dietrich. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:39pm.

NR Schools report for May 2022 Meeting

Fall Athletics

FOOTBALL: 3-3 OVER ALL - 1-1 S/L

MILITARY APPRECIATION POW/MIA CHAIR DEDICATED on 9/23

GIRLS SOCCER: 4-3-2 OVERALL - 1-0-2 - S/L

BOYS SOCCER: 4-5 OVERALL - 2-1 IN S/L

GIRLS XC: MENTOR: 18TH/26 TEAMS

BXC: MENTOR: 16TH/26 TEAMS

G-TENNIS: 10-5 OVERALL - 3-3 in S/L (4th in SL Tourney):

VOLLEYBALL: 6-8 OVERALL - 2-5 S/L

G-GOLF: 5-2 OVERALL - 4TH IN THE S/L (4th in SL Standing)

B-GOLF: 6-5 OVERALL - 4TH IN THE S/L

Other School News

The District has purchased and will be implementing FMX digital scheduling software. This should make it easier for all approved groups to access and request facility usage time. It will also free up an administrator from day-to-day scheduling tasks.

Cooperative efforts with the city continue and are bringing us closer to a Senior Center in the Royalview building. Associated agreements will also now allow for the completion of the Stadium project with the addition of home and away locker rooms at the Stadium site. The Stadium Turf replacement is scheduled to start on May 30, 2023. Also, using Rec improvement funds, plans are being finalized to replace the grass at the Varsity 1 and softball fields with artificial turf as early as the Spring 2023 season. These projects will not use operating funds and will not necessitate a need for the District to go to the voters for any funding. Funding will come from the proceeds of the sale of the last 2 cell tower rights and the sale of a part of the Valley Vista property.

Congrats to the 2023 NRHS Marching band who competed in their first contest of the year on September 24. The band earned Best auxiliary Class AA and Best overall General

Effect at a very competitive contest held at Revere High School. The marching band also earned a "1" or Superior rating which qualifies them for the 32nd consecutive year for Marching Band States in Columbus at the end of October or early November.

REC BOARD MEETING REPORT for September 27, 2022



Final numbers compiled since we last met for our 2022/23 Fall/Spring registration total at 869 boys & girls. Up 46 from last fall.

We usually add another 125 to 200 in the spring.

- **157 Academy** (4- & 5-year-olds)
- **477 Rec league** players in 54 teams
 - net +34 a few less academy a few more rec
- **235 Travel** up 12
 - **Girls 123** players across 10 teams
 - **Boys 112** players across 9 teams

We are about halfway through our Fall soccer season that started games in late August.

- **Practice times are reduced with the available daylight.** 5 to 6 and 6 to 7 practice slots from 5 to 6:30 and 6:30 to 8. Weeknight and Sunday evening Travel games pushed up to 6:00 start but become difficult. While number of practice fields and lighting are always a concern.
- **We had to cancel our first games this fall, last night due to wet field conditions** and this weekend will be a challenge as Heasley is now saturated. Prior to that the City crews have been keeping the field mowed to a good game height and striped well for the weekends.
- **Our Travel Teams take a mid-season break this weekend** for the OHTSL Leagues, Ohio Travel Cup Tournament taking place at fields in Lodi, Strongsville, Cloverleaf and Wadsworth
 - **We have all 19 teams entered.** 9 boys and 10 girls' teams, about 95% player participation in the weekend event.
- **Rec League and Academy have Week # 5** games this Saturday. So far, the season has been going well.
 - **We held a community day on Saturday the 17th** with a food drive and used cleat exchange.

The Rec League and Academy wrap up with week #8 on October 22nd

Last travel games are on Sunday October 23rd




Following that weekend, hopefully the weather will be favorable for end of season work on the fields to include repairs, top-dressing, overseeding and late year fertilization

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NORTH ROYALTON RECREATION BOARD

Attendance Sheet

September 27, 2022

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	

LARRY ANTOSKIEWICZ	_____
GUY DI SCENA NRSE	_____
JEFF JACKSON	_____
RICHARD VADOVSKI JR NRBB	_____
DEJANA CONQUEPALMI NRCCG	_____
JAMON CAMB...	_____
MIKE KINNEY NR YOUTH FOOTBALL	_____
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