

# NORTH ROYALTON RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

The Recreational Board meeting was held on July 25, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mr. Santangelo

**Present:** Committee Members: Tony Santangelo, Todd Althouse, Dr. John Kelly, Jason Swim; Recognized Clubs & Organizations: Guy DiSiena (NRSC), Jim Heidenrich (NRBB), Scot Elavsky (NRYF), Dejana Cinquepalmi (NRCG); Non-recognized Clubs & Organizations:

**Absent with Cause:** Jeremy Dietrich, Larry Battaglia

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Motion to accept June 2023 meeting minutes Dr. Kelly, Mr. Althouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Motion carried.*

## REPORTS

**Recreation Department: Logan Turner** – The final phase of the York Rd lighting has been completed early. Working with stormwater department to fix drainage on the top level field and parking lot at Heasley. The Pet Carnival is this Sunday 7/30 at City Green from 1-4pm.

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

**Council: Jeremy Dietrich** – Not Present - Nothing to report

## NORTH ROYALTON RECOGNIZED CLUBS:

**Baseball (NRBB): Jim Heidenrich** – The Season is wrapping up. This is Rookie week. They will play night games under the lights. The Boys and girls travel tryouts are under way. Thanks to the Recreation department for keeping the fields looking good this season.

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

**Football (NRYF): Scot Elavsky** – They have 310 members (170 football and 140 cheerleaders). Youth Skills Night with High School staff was a huge success. Over 130 kids were in attendance each day. Coaches' CPR training will be at NR Fire Station 1 on Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00am. Team practices start on 7/31. They will be using the Rock, York 8 and York 3. NRYF have acquired 2 AEDs for youth football and cheer. They will be developing an emergency plan for all home games. Picture day will be next to city hall on Aug 5<sup>th</sup>. Aug 19<sup>th</sup> is the first scrimmage against Copley. The regular season begins on August 26<sup>th</sup>. The middle of Oct is the first round of playoffs. Championships are the first week of Nov.

**North Royalton Community Garden (NRCG): Dejana Cinquepalmi** – Garden yields are down this year due to weather conditions. They have only been able to donate

120# of fresh produce to date. They have an intruder taking produce. They plan to post a "Private Garden" sign. The gardens are for members only and not the public to pick produce. There have been some flooding issues around the drains at the entry gate. The Recreation department is going to try cleaning the drains. They will be competing at the Cuyahoga County Fair (Community Garden Division) in two weeks. They are hoping for another win with the many contributions from their gardeners. They are proud to represent North Royalton.

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

**Mayor Larry Antoskiewicz** – The city is moving forward with walking path. The bids came in under budget. They will not start the project until the kids are back to school and splash pad is closed for season.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:00pm Dr. Kelly moved to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Althouse. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:21pm.

# NR Schools report for July 2023 Meeting

The Gibson field turf replacement project at Serpentine Stadium is complete. It came in on budget and ahead of schedule. School teams have been practicing on the field since around July 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>.

The baseball/softball project begins on July 24<sup>th</sup>. The installers will be starting with site preparation. Our hope is that we do not run into more than what was allotted for unsuitable soils in the bid. The goal is for that project to be completed before the snow flies.

The new school app Apptegy will likely go live on August 1. This new system is much more mobile-friendly. There may be some slight changes in how access works but in the long run this will be a better move for our parents and community.

# REC BOARD MEETING REPORT for July 25, 2023



**Our Summer Camp was last week, the 17<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup>.** We got about half the Thursday session in before lightning was spotted, and we cleared the fields before the rain came in. We had 166 players registered. K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. They were led by the Girls HS staff and players.

**We are hosting 3, US soccer 7v7 grass roots coaches training courses the first week in August for our rec and/or travel coaches.** We have room for 36 to 45 coaches. Prerequisite is an online introduction to Grass Roots Soccer Training course. The 7v7 course includes a virtual class online one evening during the week and then an on the field class Saturday or Sunday. The \$75 fee will be paid by the Club for the Rec League coaches and the League should cover the fee for most of the Travel Coaches.

**Travel Teams are preparing for practices beginning the week of July 31<sup>st</sup>.** We have 269 (128 Boys & 141 Girls) Travel Players now registered on 21 teams (10 boys & 11 girls). 235 on 19 teams last year. Their first games start Sunday August 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Saturday Rec League teams are being finalized as we identify coaches.** We pushed up the registration closing date this year, so we have adequate time to create the teams and schedules. We plan to have 425 players on 44 teams. Their Kickoff, to meet their coaches and teammates is Saturday August 12<sup>th</sup>, their practices start the following week and games begin on Saturday August 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Our Bears Academy U5 & U6 right now has 165 players across their 4 groups.** 70 girls and 95 boys have their Kickoff on Saturday Morning 19<sup>th</sup>. Their weekly Saturday Sessions begin on the 26<sup>th</sup> as well.

We plan to have a group of players and parents march in the Home Days parade this year.

Overall, we have about the same numbers as last year, a few more in travel, a few less in our rec league. If there is room on some Rec League ages, we'll take late registrations. Academy is a bit easier to fit late sign ups.

We had a few pickup nights over the summer, but it was hit and miss around rain or wet fields.

Work has started by Storm Water on some drainage improvements for our field #3 and hopefully they will be able to address some additional work needed on the Field #1 drain line.

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NORTH ROYALTON RECREATION BOARD

Attendance Sheet

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Jason Swim	Recreation Director	
Todd Althouse	Board Member	
Tony Santangelo	Board Member	
Larry Battaglia	Board Member	_____
Dr. John Kelly	School Board Member	
Jeremy Dietrich	Council Representative	_____

City Parks & NRSC	_____
Diana Ciagnepala - NRCG	_____
Jim Hudonreich - NRBB	_____
Scott Elavsky NRYF	_____
LARRY Antaskiewicz	_____
Linda Smith	_____
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