

# NORTH ROYALTON RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Larry Antoskiewicz

In attendance: Larry Antoskiewicz, Diane Veverka, Barbara Zindroski

Absent with cause: Todd Althouse, Russ Wells

City Officials in attendance: Mayor Bob Stefanik, Don Willey, Tom Jordan, Paul Marnecheck ,  
Steve Muller

Clubs and Organizations: Terry Veverka, Tom Grassi

The motion to accept the November 25, 2011 Rec Board meeting minutes will be tabled until the February meeting.

**Guest Youth Speakers:** Presentation by Mark Primuth, Chris Tomechko and Nate Belluardo regarding availability of City and School recreation fields for public use. Discussed the need for open play field time for unsupervised "pick-up" games for the youth of North Royalton.

Discussion followed. The Rec Board suggested the youths return at a future REC Board meeting to discuss further. A suggestion was also made for the youths to meet with the School Board, as well as, the Partnership For a Healthier North Royalton committee.

**YMCA Guest Speaker:** Timothy Pinchek, Executive Director of the North Royalton YMCA -- gave a recap of what type of recreation opportunities will be made available to our city. The YMCA is open to the prospects of partnering with the city. He informed us what the facility encompasses as well as an array of programs they will be offering. The YMCA Sports Director will be the person to contact for direction as to how the schools and city can cooperate and have joint leagues and the use of gym space. He will be in contact with the schools and the REC Board.

## **NORTH ROYALTON RECOGNIZED CLUBS:**

Baseball: Terry Veverka – Provided a copy of the 2011 financial year-end report and 2012 proposed budget. An update was given on the progress of the construction at York Fields. Registration is taking place February 11 and March 4 at the High School. Improvements for 2012 will include re-roofing the baseball meeting room, the pavilion and batting cages.

Soccer: Pete Ragone has been elected the NRSC President. Discussed safety issue concerns for the fences behind field #2 and #3; (leaning telephone poles and fencing) the fencing needs repaired between the Spring and Fall season when we have access to the area. Spring registration will be held this Saturday.

Co-Ed Softball and Men's Softball Leagues: No update

Football: No Report

## **NORTH ROYALTON UNOFFICIAL ORGANIZATIONS:**

**Basketball Club:** Tom Grassi – Discussed the need for possible court time at the YMCA for basketball rec teams, as well as time set aside for different age groups to have pick-up games.

**Recreation Director:** Diane V. made a motion to recommend Larry Battaglia to be nominated for the new Part-time Recreation Director position, Barb Z. seconded, motion passed.

**School Board Representative:** Barb Zindroski – No report. Barb will be serving as the School Board Representative and John Kelly will be the alternative rep. Barb was welcomed as our new representative for the school board.

**Council Representative:** Larry Antoskiewicz – He would like to invite a local company to our February meeting to discuss ideas of what type of improvements are needed and ways to update Memorial Park. It was also suggested that, for safety reasons, we request the relocation of the control panel for the upper baseball fields.

**Mayor Stefanik:** --If Council approves, in addition to Larry Battaglia's duties as a part-time Rec Director, he will also coordinate the Men's Softball League. The Mayor spoke about securing the grant for upgrading and replacement of the lighting at Memorial Park, the tennis courts, basketball courts, soccer fields and baseball fields.

A special Recreation Board meeting, regarding Chippewa Creek headland Park, to follow the adjournment of this meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. by Diane V., seconded by Barb Z. – motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28 at 6:00 in NR Council Chambers

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### **Action Items:**

Barb Zindroski to check the policies for the schools use for youth pick-up games.

Repair to the fence latch between the basketball court and tennis court.

Repair soccer field fencing.

Request relocation of the control panel for the upper baseball fields.

Rec Board members should, if possible, do a walk-through at Memorial Park so we can discuss the improvement at our next meeting.