

NORTH ROYALTON RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, January 26, 2010

Meeting called to order by Russ Wells at 6:06 p.m.

In attendance: Russ Wells, Todd Althouse, Larry Antoskiewicz, Len Reinhart, Ed Swim, Diane Veverka

Clubs and Organizations: Larry Battaglia and John Kelly, Mike Piscatello, Frank Castrovillari, Mike Donnellan

Introduction of new School Board Representative to the Rec Board, Len Reinhart and alternate representative, Dan Langshaw.

Motion made by Todd Althouse to accept minutes from the October 27, 2009 meeting, Ed Swim 2nd – motion carried. Motion made by T. Althouse to accept minutes from the November 24, 2009 meeting, Ed Swim 2nd – motion passed.

NORTH ROYALTON RECOGNIZED CLUBS:

Men's Softball: Mike Piscatello –This season we continue playing on Mondays and Wednesdays, Friday nights, and Sunday mornings. Since our league is growing, we are requesting additional high school field time for Sunday mornings, as well as Friday nights. Ed Swim will meet with the school board regarding use of high school fields; Len Reinhart mentioned a working meeting for the School Board is scheduled for February 4.

Baseball: Larry Battaglia – In-Person registration will be held Saturday, Feb. 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the high school. The second registration date is Sunday, March 7 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., also at the high school. Fees will remain the same; no increase for the 2010 Season. Regarding the new Field #8, plans are for a portable bathroom and portable concession stand for that field. North Royalton Baseball Day with the Cleveland Indians at Progressive Field will take place on Sunday, June 13 at 12:05. Premium lower box seat tickets will cost \$16.00 which is a savings of over 50%. Special interactive kids' activities are again planned for this year. Forms, including additional information, will be available at City Hall and the Library.

John Kelly requested that families registering multiple kids, be given a cap on the \$10 charge for future field development for the 4th or 5th child. Soccer said their club currently absorbs that \$10 fee. Discussion on the issue of adding a required non-resident fee, since the city does not receive property tax money from non-residents for recreational facilities or programs. Baseball currently charges \$20 per family.

Soccer: Frank Castrovillari -- Elections were held for the 2010 Season. Frank Castrovillari was re-elected as President. The league is working on setting up a soccer clinic for Rec Soccer. They are also looking at offering a travel camp for the Travel League instead of purchasing trophies. Some of the concession stand equipment will need to be replaced prior to start of the season.

Basketball (Summer Program): Bob Baran – The league has been approved as a 501 tax exempt organization.

Recreation Director: Ed Swim – The Summer Fun program will once again be coordinated by Kelly Lilak; same cost as last year. Todd A. made the motion to retain her services for the 2010 season. Ed S. 2nd – motion carried. Andrea Andrysick has agreed to be the tennis instructor for the Tennis program for the 2010 Summer Program. The cost of her services will remain the same as last year. Ed Swim made the motion to continue using her services for the 2010 season. Larry A. 2nd – motion carried. No update for the Golf Program.

Council Representative: Larry Antoskiewicz – The land has been cleared for a parking lot for the new field #8 at York Road complex. There is no immediate plans for a bridge to connect the the new field with the existing fields. Safety fences will also be installed. A directional sign will need to be posted at the York Road entrance showing alternate entrance off Akins Road for field #8.

Law Department: Donna Vozar, Assistant Prosecutor -- Spoke regarding the issue of recreational organization insurance coverage. The organizations were advised that since they were separate and independent entities, they were not covered under the City's insurance policy. The letter states that while the City would prefer that the organizations obtain liability insurance coverage, we will not mandate insurance coverage, unless or until our insurance carrier requires it. In an effort to assist the organizations in affording insurance coverage, Mayor Stefanik proposes that ½ of the field development funds collected by the organizations be retained by the organizations to help defray some of the insurance premium costs. Donna suggested we discuss the matter with an attorney, insurance agent and club members and then make an informed choice as to what the individual clubs want to do for that needed protection.

After further discussions, Donna and Mayor Stefanik both said they would be available to come to a club meeting of trustees or boosters to discuss the issue.

YMCA: Progress is being made

School Board Representative: Len Reubgart – No Report

Todd A. motioned to adjourn meeting at 6:53 p.m., Ed S. 2nd – motion carried

Next meeting will be February 23, 2010 at 6:00 in NR Council Chambers.