

NORTH ROYALTON RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, October 29, 2013

The Recreational Board meeting was held on October 29, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mr. Wells

Present: Committee Members: Chair Russ Wells, Todd Althouse, Tony Santangelo, Dr. John Kelly, Larry Antoskiewicz; Administration: Mayor Stefanik; Clubs & Organizations: Ron Widlewski (NRBB), Larry Zajac (NRSC); Unrecognized Clubs: Scot Elasvsky (football)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes Sept 2013: Motion to accept Dr. Kelly. Mr. Santangelo 2nd, Mr. Althouse Abstained - Motion carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Playground

Brandstetter and Carrol Inc; Mark Horman and Nancy Nozik

They presented a possible master plan overview for memorial park. It will have options that we can grow into. Handicapped access is very important. Memorial park has some areas that could be improved. There should be more shelters and restrooms. We should consider a walking path around park. All elements need to be tied together. The Memorial could be focal point. The skate park may be relocated. We could also add 2nd bathroom and move playground down to lower level. They discussed how to keep some of the old and incorporate it into the new and added how to change the park entrance to attract more people into the park. Mayor suggested that the rec board come up with a few items they would like and some things they would not like to see in the park within 1 week.

REPORTS

Recreation Department

Larry Battaglia – Absent (excused)

School Board

Dr. John Kelly – School is resurfacing memorial park baseball field. Suggested city look at Hollywood style pitching rubbers for field.

Council

Larry Antoskiewicz – North Recreation Board meetings will be the last Tuesday of month for 2014.

Mayor

Pancake breakfast, bear run and health fair this weekend. Sat 8:00-12:00pm

NORTH ROYALTON RECOGNIZED CLUBS:

Baseball: Ron Widlewski – NRBB offered to create a non-bid 11U travel into NRBB program to accommodate group that left for a different Travel league. Fields can be used on first-come first serve basis. NRBB is going to try to post a schedule to website weekly. NRBB voted to not allow a non-nrbb to use scheduled field team.

Soccer: Mr. Larry Zajac - Fields looked great and thanks to city. Travel teams did much better this year. It is the first year that we have gone to paid coaching. Take a look at the new website. We had our first tryouts for Cuyahoga Valley Soccer Academy about 1.5 weeks ago. 84 Kids tried out. We are having our second tryout in Brecksville at Blossom Park. Update at next Rec Board meeting

NORTH ROYALTON NON-RECOGNIZED CLUBS:

Football: Football finished last Sat. NR Sent an 11u team to finals. They finished 2nd place. 5 or 9 tackle teams made playoffs. NR hosted first round of playoffs at new stadium. Flag teams 4-9 went to playoffs one of the team actually won. We are looking for space for equipment storage – can no longer use Broadview Hts buildings.

YMCA: No report

NEW BUSINESS

Chris Hammer-Huber: He wants to reserve unused fields for the 11u team for practice times. Mr. Wells says what about rainouts, so how can NRBB reserve fields. Mr. Hammer-Huber welcomes the idea of field scheduled posted on NRBB website. The schedule will be good Sunday to Sunday. Mr. Antoskiewicz read email from Mike Kekic at NRBB about how schedules will be posted. Mr. Antoskiewicz also stated that there should be plenty of fields available Feb-April. Rec teams will start scheduling field times for practice middle to end of April. The actual practice schedule depends on weather and when city opens field. Mr. Santangelo asks if the non-NRBB could apply to be the NRBB B-team manager. Mr. Antoskiewicz said that city rec board recognizes NRBB as the club that run NR Baseball.

Mr. Santangelo says that times are not actually open..because schedule goes out on Sunday about field availability on Wednesday. A coach may not hear back from his team until Tuesday – he could call on Tuesday and get a field for Wednesday. Mr. Santangleo feels that if NRBB allows field time to non-NRBB teams, it will open things up for more teams to defect from NRBB. He feels that if NRBB adds a B-team then there is no reason to go to another city to start a travel team. He also thinks that this is NRBB business and should not be brought before the Rec Board. Mayor wants clarification on practice schedule to make sure it would not change for the week after it is posted. That is what everyone wants to clarify. NRBB will come back with a clarification

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Dr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Santangelo to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 26th at 6:00.