

NORTH ROYALTON RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

The Recreational Board meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Russ Wells

PRESENT: Committee members: Todd Althouse, Larry Antoskiewicz, Larry Battaglia, John Kelly, Diane Veverka, Russ Wells. Other: Pete Ragone, Ray Lahotsky, Tom Grassi.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Antoskiewicz to approve the minutes of March 27, 2012 meeting. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Memorial Park Playground Improvements

Mr. Antoskiewicz -- Doing a walk-through, looking for input of how the different areas should be laid out. He will have further discussions with Jeff Snyder outlining different possible phases.

2. Coke Contract

Conflicting information received as to when the contract expires. L. Battaglia spoke with Coke and the representative said the 10 year contract has expired. The Mayor's office found paperwork showing that the contract was possibly extended and would not expire until November of this year.

3. Soccer Clean-up behind fencing

According to Mr. Antoskiewicz, our property goes 10' beyond the fencing behind fields #1 & 2. Mr. Ragone asked if the city would handle cleanup of pricker bushes, weeds, etc. in the area behind the fencing while the weeds are still small. The city will look into doing the cleanup.

4. Soccer Fence Repair

Discussion tabled until next meeting so we can look into the conditions of the property and what is necessary for the project.

5. Restrooms at York Field

Restrooms located by the batting cages will be opened during game times. The Rec employees will prop the doors open prior to leaving. When field lights get shut off, restroom doors should be closed for the night. It will now be City's responsibility to keep them clean.

6. Cemetery and displaying of the American flag on city and school property

L. Antoskiewicz - the Mayor has addressed flag issues, they will be taken care of before Memorial Day. J. Kelly said the schools have also addressed any flag issues.

7. Future field expectations

Discussed later this year during Master Plan process. Requesting feedback from sports clubs for their future expectations.

NORTH ROYALTON RECOGNIZED CLUBS:

Baseball: Mr. Lahotsky -- Field conditions are rough. Diamond Pro needs to be ordered. Discussion followed regarding procedures for notification for field conditions, if they are locked and not playable or umpire discretion. At this point John Hornsby or Nick in the Rec Department will notify Mr. Veverka and he will post "RainedOut" message. John Hornsby, in the Rec Department is our point of contact regarding field conditions; we can call him directly. A link will be given to all the commissioners to be linked-in, therefore everyone will be notified automatically.

Soccer: Requesting use of Heasley field for the 3rd Annual Youth Soccer Camp on Wednesday and Thursday July 25 & 26 (4-8 p.m.) Fields do not need to be lined; grass will need to be cut and goals delivered. The annual Alumni game will be held Friday night following the youth camp at the Stadium. Moved by Mr. Antoskiewicz, seconded by Mr. Kelly to allow the Soccer Club to use Heasley field On July 25 & 26. Motion carried. Mr. Ragone also requested the need for two of the extra goals to be transported from the Christian church to Valley Vista for practice; he stated Mr. Presot approved placing the goals at V.V. as long as they were able to be moved for lawn maintenance. We are changing our Travel team colors to purple and gold starting in the fall as new U8 & U9 teams come in; it will be optional for the remainder of the teams to change over. Within four years, all uniforms will be purple and gold.

NORTH ROYALTON UNOFFICIAL ORGANIZATIONS:

Basketball Club: Nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS

1. York field Bathroom Improvements

Mr. Grassi discussed needed improvements and remodeling of the restrooms under pavilion area at York Field. He will initiate getting a quote and funds to improve the restroom facilities with paint, partitions, plumbing, or total renovation.

2. OakRidge Pool

Received a request from the Oakridge Estates Swim Club requesting that the City fill the swimming pool prior to May 16. Moved by Ms. Veverka, seconded by Mr. Kelly, Mr. Althouse abstained. Motion carried. Letter to follow.

3. Summer Tennis Program

Discussion tabled until next month's meeting pending additional information from Mr. Battaglia on contract for K. Lilac.

4. Fishing Derby

Awaiting commitment from Mrs. Modock regarding financially backing and purchase of trophies for Fishing Derby again this year.

5. North Royalton Bear Run

Scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 27.

6. Memorial Tree at York Road Fields

Received a request for planting a tree at York Road Fields for Kevin Eisaman, who served in

the community through his involvement in coaching baseball; concerns were on size of tree, where it would be planted, and whether it would survive. Other possibilities discussed included a bench, planter, or picnic table, with a name plaque. Mr. Battaglia will inquire what type of tree and discuss options with her.

7. Community Day/Evening

Mr. Kelly – the School Board is discussing ideas for hosting a Community Day or evening in August at the stadium open to everyone... involving the band, all the sports, etc.

8. North Royalton Map of Local Businesses

We have created a brochure/map to have available for visitors, travel teams, etc. showing locations of local businesses and restaurants in our city to patronize.

9. Painting of Memorial Park Pavilion

Mr. Althouse is working on organizing volunteers to paint the Memorial Park pavilion.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ms. Veverka, seconded by Mr. Wells to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 29 at 6:00 in NR Council Chambers.