

NORTH ROYALTON RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, January 29, 2013

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

Present: Committee Members: Chair Russ Wells, Todd Althouse, John Kelly, Larry Antoskiewicz
Administration: Larry Battaglia, Donna Vozar; Clubs & Organizations: Terry Veverka, Scot Elavsky, Tom Grassi, Pete Ragone

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Wells to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2012 meeting. Yeas: 4. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Playground

Larry A. reviewed what has been done so far on the Memorial Park Playground. Mr. Kelly had teachers and other school staff to make recommendations. He provided the board with a list of their recommendations. Mr. Kelly went through catalogs provided by Larry A. to find items that met the list of recommendations. He passed out a packet containing many examples. Discussed the different options contained in the packet. Larry A. also reminded everyone that we need items that are disability friendly (ADA compliant). Larry A. wants to keep the front façade and try to restore the original plaque. Mr. Kelly added that everything in the packets was almost zero maintenance. Ms. Vozar reminded everyone that we must include everything in the specs, because you could be stuck with a company that meets the spec but may not have the extras you like. The city may choose the lowest and best spec. Larry A. wants to know if we should get people to help with assembly to save money or just have the company install it. Mr. Kelly added that in either case there will be company personnel onsite to oversee setup. Todd A. suggested that the city put out an RFP asking for a proposal from various playground companies. Then the city could benefit from the design expertise of the playground companies. The RFP would include the school recommendations (guidelines) from Mr. Kelly. Larry B. said he could ask architect, Ray Priest for design ideas. Larry B. said may look things over as a courtesy – no cost to the city.

NEW BUSINESS

Relay for Life: Maureen Shorts – They want to setup a booth at NRBB registration. Mr. Kelly said it probably will not be a problem with the schools, if baseball did not have an issue. There will be a luminary service on June 28th at the NR YMCA parking lot. They need help putting together teams.

Volleyball:

Bob Barron: Wants to start city boys Volleyball. He wants to use his basketball 501.3c organization. Jim Lucas (cpa) setup the initial basketball organization in 2008. According to Mr. Lucas the IRS does not care about the name change that will be necessary to use the same org for Volleyball. This has to start with the State of Ohio. You must file a “change in purpose” form with the State of Ohio. You may then file an amended tax form with the IRS where you can then change the name of the organization. The name and purpose of the organization must reflect its new purpose – NR Boys Volleyball. Ms.

Vozar said the club name should change from NR Basketball to NR Volleyball. Mr. Lucas assures everyone that each event of the NR Basketball was pay as you go. So there was not any residual money left in the NR Basketball bank account. Ms. Vozar just want so make sure nothing is misrepresented to the general public with the change in purpose from Basketball to Volleyball. Ms. Vozar went over city requirements and mentioned that the city organizations have a city rep on their boards if they used city property and that the city gets \$5 per player registered. Bob B. assured Ms. Vozar that the organization has met all city requirements.

Russ asked when the season will start. Bob B. says practice will start March 11 and play will begin on March 30. The season will conclude with a tournament over Memorial Day weekend.

Russ also asked why the school board does not have a boys volleyball club team. Mr. Kelly said the NR Athletic board reviews all applications and decided not to add volleyball as a club team. School board said they will not add any supplementals (clubs). Larry A. says there is not another recognized boys volleyball team in North Royalton.

Bob B. says he dropped boys basketball because he could not get gym time. They are looking for gym time for Volleyball – the YMCA might be a possibility. According to Drew Briller said he has a list of 34 boys. They need 8 for a team. Bob B. expects a minimum of 25 kids in the volleyball program. Ms. Vozar recommends that if the Rec Board only grant temporary recognition if they plan to recognize boys volleyball. Mr. Lucas the name change will be complete in 6 weeks, but it hard to predict how long the state will take for approval. Mr. Kelly assures Bob B. that the school would work to find gym time for volleyball, but they will have to take whatever is left.

Larry A. moves that we recognize NR Boys Volleyball on a temporary basis until Memorial Day as long as they meet all the city requirements, seconded by Mr. Kelly. Yeas: 4. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

Recreation Department

Mr. Battaglia - City purchased nets and bases for the season. They want to redo Soccer field 1 after first session. The field will be unavailable for the rest of the year. Mr. Ragone will get back with city if that will be a problem.

School Board

Mr. Kelly said school affiliated groups need to file with the State of Ohio, this may include groups that use school facilities. He suggested that each group check with legal advisors.

Council

Larry A. – went over status of playground. See Unfinished Business.

NORTH ROYALTON RECOGNIZED CLUBS:

Baseball: Mr. Veverka - NRBB is having trouble having their longtime domain renewed www.nrbb.org. We are still trying to get ownership transferred back to NRBB. They have since purchased nrbaseball.com, northroyaltonbaseball.com, nrtravelbaseball.com, nrbaseball.org. They plan to use www.nrbaseball.com as their primary domain. Concerns were brought up about York Rd construction. Larry A. expects York Rd construction to be completed before the start of baseball season. Road will be repaved from 82 down to Edgerton. NRBB is looking into security cameras

because of all the break-ins last year. NRBB ordered batter box marking templates for the city to use.

Football: No Report

Soccer: Mr. Ragone – Kudos to City for field preparation. Spring registration will be on Saturday Feb. 9th at Heasley Field 9am-Noon. Mail in registration will be taken now through March 15th. The Rec Soccer season starts April 6th and will run for 7 weeks. There will be 6 weeks of games and Soccer Days will be the 7th week of the season – May 18th and 19th. The Travel season starts April 7th and will go through June 2nd. The New referee clinic will be Saturday February 24th at NRHS in the Media Center. Elections were held Nov. 2012 and Mr. Ragone was voted in as President for another term. Larry A. asked for Soccer report about fees. Mr. Ragone will provide it to the city.

Basketball: Mr Grassi – 80 kids overall this year. There is 1 girls team. The season will be the end of February.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Althouse to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 26th at 6:00.