

NORTH ROYALTON RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, September 27, 2011

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Russ Wells

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

Absent: Len Reinhard

City Officials in attendance: Mayor Bob Stefanik

Clubs and Organizations: Bob Baran, Frank Castrovillari, Mike Kekic

Motion made by Todd A. to accept July 26, 2011 minutes, 2nd by Larry A. – motion passed.

NORTH ROYALTON RECOGNIZED CLUBS:

Soccer: Frank Castrovillari – First two weeks of soccer were cancelled due to weather; one of the two weeks will be rescheduled. Discussed stadium usage issue and what charges would be accessed. Per Ed Vittardi, we can schedule field time on weekdays, up until 10:00pm, at no charge; however, if lights are needed, we will be accessed a \$100 charge. We will also be charged for weekend games. Discussion regarding final costs for usage with Ed Vittardi were left open. Frank asked that someone discuss this issue further with Ed V. to resolve this issue. Due to striping of the fields, only 7 teams (U13 and U14 and high school co-ed) are able to use the stadium. We had hoped on using it for two Saturdays all day long for Soccer days; if there is a cost accessed, we will not use it. Mayor Stefanik said he would talk to Ed V.

Someone is using the Heasley fields when the fields are wet. We cancelled the first two weekends of the season, however, the fields were tore up by people using them for playing football, as well as Frisbee football, etc. Should a permit necessary to use the fields. Discussion on how a restriction on using fields can be enforced. This has been a problem in past years, but no restrictions were put in place.

Frank requested information regarding the RainOut website currently being used by baseball. Mike Piscitello also is interested in using the website.

Baseball: Mike Kekic, V.P. Baseball Boosters – The weather has made it favorable for forms to be laid for future pouring of the field #8 walkway. Estimates have been received for additional fencing to be added. At our next Baseball Booster meeting, we will discuss financial situation and possible assistance for funding of the roller purchased by the Soccer organization.

Men's Softball: Mike Piscitello – The Fall league is strong with 8 teams for co-ed on Friday nights and 11 teams on Tues/Thurs men's league. Kudos to the REC Dept. for making the fields ready, enabling the games to be played rather than being rescheduled.

Mike asked if the city would consider a 50 and over basketball league. Due to lack of gym time, the YMCA may be a better alternative for holding such a league.

Football: No Report

NORTH ROYALTON UNOFFICIAL ORGANIZATIONS:

Basketball Club: Tom Grassi – Travel tryouts have begun for 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th boys, and 3rd/4th girls and 5th/6th girls.

Bob Baran – Discussed the problems with faulty lights and the possibility of moving the outdoor basketball hoops closer together to create full courts that can also be used as ½ courts. Bob B. requested help in sponsoring a 3rd-4th grade girls' basketball club program for N.R. and Broadview Hts. league, as well as, the 7Hills basketball league. Bob B. requested an OK to talk with Presot directly. Bob B. was given the OK to make the call by Russ Wells.

Recreation Director: Ed Swim – No Report.

School Board Representative: LenReinard (not present) -- We are in process of getting the varsity baseball and softball fields ready for spring ball. New infield mix will be put down in early October. The Stadium opened on time, just finishing the final coatings on the track.

Council Representative: Larry Antoskiewicz – Indian Guides did a great job on revamping the NR playground. Larry felt we needed to rejuvenate the playground including the deck by the pavilion, bocce ball area, shuffle board, swing sets, and possibly add Frisbee golf, corn hole, etc. If we can get help from a local company for ideas and put a plan together. We can use community volunteer groups to assist in the final project.

Mayor Stefanik: The three homes north of library are now owned by the city. Once the library has relocated and the houses removed, this will be a nice area to square off the park. The gardens located at Memorial Park have been very successful; large quantities of food have been donated to food banks.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. by Diane V., seconded by Todd A. – motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 25 at 6:00 in NR Council Chambers.