

NORTH ROYALTON RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

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

In attendance: Todd Althouse, Larry Antoskiewicz, John Kelly, Diane Veverka, Russ Wells

City Officials in attendance: Mayor Bob Stefanik, Pat Jones, Larry Battaglia

Clubs and Organizations: Terry Veverka, Tom Grassi, Bob Baran

Motion made by Diane V. to accept the January 31, 2012, meeting minutes, 2nd by Larry A. – motion passed. Larry A. made a motion to accept the November 29, 2011 meeting minutes, 2nd by Todd A. – motion passed.

Guest: Jeff Snider, Snider & Associates, Inc. was invited to attend the meeting to discuss Memorial Park ideas and improvements, as well as safety issues. The presentation was followed up with discussion of the possibility of making improvements in phases combining our current wooden structure complimented with new metal components. We would want to take an approach of looking at changes, both by the volleyball courts and the main wooden structure, as well as, shading for the small picnic table area, and the dollars needed for each phase. Pat Jones said the city has already fixed some safety issues.

Old Business: Mark Primuth attended today's meeting as a follow-up to last month's presentation requesting open field time for public use. Mayor Stefanik said that the city will try leaving 2 baseball fields (#1 and #3) open until late afternoon for youth pick-up games.

The Mayor also said that the Rec Department will have flex hours; one employee will work late hours enabling them to help during evening hours which are more in-tune with the summer field usage.

NORTH ROYALTON RECOGNIZED CLUBS:

Baseball: Terry Veverka – Discussed necessity of gate on fencing for field #7 in right field. Board feedback was yes, they prefer to have that gate reinstalled for access of equipment. NRBB and Umpire Association would like to thank the Custodial crew for their assistance for snow removal for registration day, as well as their diligence for set-up during the umpire classes; they did a great job and visitors from other school systems were very impressed.

Soccer, Co-Ed Softball and Men's Softball Leagues, Football: No Report

NORTH ROYALTON UNOFFICIAL ORGANIZATIONS:

Basketball Club: Tom Grassi – Gave update of a successful season. Tom G. and Bob Baran would like to see more cooperation between High School and the youth program. John Kelly will work on setting up a meeting with the Athletic Director. Bob Baran would like to know if we can have a summer basketball program again this summer.

Other: Bob Baran would like to discuss a future summer volleyball program.

Recreation Director: Welcomed the new Rec Director, Larry Battaglia.

School Board Representative: John Kelly – We met with school officials regarding policy for use of school fields for unorganized youth groups. Jim Presot sent out a memo to all custodial and maintenance staff informing them of availability of fields for use by local kids.

Council Representative: Larry Antoskiewicz – There is a lot of future potential for Memorial Park including the tennis courts, basketball courts, volleyball area, and the open grass area in the lower section of park.

Mayor Stefanik: Improvements to Memorial may also include the possibility of moving the skatepark. We would like to see the restrooms at York Road fields, by the batting cages, be left open for use by baseball teams. Bob will question our expiration date for our contract with Coke.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. by Diane V., seconded by Todd A. – motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 27 at 6:00 in NR Council Chambers.

Action Items:

Bob Stefanik to check on Coke contract. Bob to look into, but not to close, the restrooms at York Road fields... the possibility of leaving them open for use during baseball season.

John Kelly will look at setting up a meeting with High School Athletic Director. John also will give us a copy of the letter from Jim Presot regarding availability of school fields for unorganized groups.