

NORTH ROYALTON RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, November 26, 2013

The Recreational Board meeting was held on November 26, 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: Pete Ragone (NRSC); Unrecognized Clubs: Scot Elasky (NRYF)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes October 2013: Motion to accept Mr. Santangelo , Mr. Antoskiewicz 2nd - Motion carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Playground

Brandstetter and Carrol Inc; Nancy Nozik

Nancy presented more ideas and some cost estimates. See attachment for details.

Tom Jordon, North Royalton Director of Community Development: Spoke about improvements:

Upper bathrooms will be done this year as part of city hall improvements – will go before council this Tues to ask for RFQ. There will be money for a meandering sidewalk done by city service department. There are also other parking lot improvements as part of city hall improvements. \$100K set aside for playground improvement, they hope to iron out the details by Jan 2014 Council meetings. City is still discussing whether they will leave city hall restrooms open at night for public use. There is a higher cost in moving the playground because of the site preparation.

Mr. Battaglia, spoke about vandalism to upper restrooms this year. Wanted security to be addressed in the park improvement plans

Dr. Kelly talked about doing playground in phases to keep the costs down. He added that the it may be met with less resistance, if the new playground is for little kids and handicapped.

Mr. Antoskiewicz wants to try to do then entire playground if we can keep cost within budget.

Mr. Santangelo said he is not opposed to phasing it in if we end up with a better playground. Mr. Wells expressed concern that we are back peddling, if we have everything on the drawing that we want – who is going to decide what we take out. Mr. Elasky brought up seeking funds from groups that help build handicapped accessible playgrounds – saw something on CNN. Mayor Stefanik said the barn by foodbank is coming down this winter. It is being discussed moving skate park to York field. Mr. Santangelo asked about mulch vs rubberized surface, is

rubber most cost effective in long run because there is less maintenance? Ms. Novik said there is also artificial turf as an option. Mr. Althouse said we need to consider kids running across parking lot to use restrooms – keep it near park. Mr. Ragone asked if driveway leading to soccer field is to be resurfaced.

REPORTS

Recreation Department

Larry Battaglia – No Report

School Board

Dr. John Kelly – No Report

Council

Larry Antoskiewicz – Mr. Antoskiewicz is stepping down as recreation board council representative. Paul Marnecheck will be taking over as council representative next year.

Mayor

No Report

NORTH ROYALTON RECOGNIZED CLUBS:

Baseball: No Report

Soccer: Mr. Pete Ragone - getting ready to kick off this season. No issues. Soccer is in the process of updating website to give more information. Schools are letting soccer use Gym3 (HS) for coaches to use. Soccer has booked up from 6-9 M-F. Picture day is March 15th. Travel tryouts are scheduled. We are trying to get calendar done a.s.a.p., so families can better plan. Mr. Ragone wants to know about liability insurance for girls use soccer. Rec. Board feels that soccer's insurance covers all players in league.

NORTH ROYALTON NON-RECOGNIZED CLUBS:

Football: Scott Elasky – Asked if the city could build something for equipment storage near York 8? Mr. Battaglia does not know about it now. But he will keep thinking about ideas. Mr. Elasky wants to know when baseball is done. He is hoping baseball is done by July 30th so he can start practices.

YMCA: No report

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Dr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Althouse to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 28th, 2014 at 6:00.