

NORTH ROYALTON RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, June 25, 2013

The Recreational Board meeting was held on June 25, 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: Larry Battaglia, Mayor Stefanik; Clubs & Organizations: Scot Elavsky, Pete Ragone

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Minutes May 2013: Motion to accept Dr. Kelly. Mr. Antoskiewicz. 2nd (Mr. Althouse Abstained)
- Motion carried*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Playground

Mr. Antoskiewicz said Memorial Park Renovation is on track. The scope expanded to include an overall assessment and plan for the entire park. Bricker and Eckler LLP will oversee project.

NEW BUSINESS

Recreation Department

Larry Battaglia – Soccer alumni are 7/24-7/26 games. July 19th is the NR fishing derby. YMCA took over tennis lessons this year. Abundant Life Church's basketball camp is this week. July 8-11th is Baseball Camp at York Fields.

School Board

Dr. John Kelly – Preview night set for August 18th from 3:00-8:30pm. There will be football and cheerleading program demonstrations and activities.

Council

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

Mayor

Bricker and Eckler LLP will oversee Memorial Park/City Hall project. The City would like to be in the new City Hall next year. YMCA Adventure Guides will be painting Memorial Park upper pavilion on June 30th. The Library Grand Opening is set for August 3rd from 12-5pm. Mr. Antoskiewicz added that 3000-4000 people are expected to attend.

NORTH ROYALTON RECOGNIZED CLUBS:

Baseball: Terry Veverka sent an email commending the city for a job well done during the Bear Brawl baseball tournament. Everything ran smooth with no complaints.

Soccer: Pete Ragone – Soccer days went well and the weather was perfect. The fields were in great shape. Thanks to the Recreation Department for their efforts. Soccer travel tryouts were down 40-50 kids, probably because of extra coaching fees. Rec. Soccer registration just closed the numbers were as high as or higher than last year.

Soccer Board voted to hire technical director to help better develop the program. They want to keep more people in NR. Currently kids have to choose Rec or Travel Soccer. Fall practice starts Aug 2nd and games start in middle of August. Soccer gave \$1800 to the city for fertilizer and seed.

Football: Scott Elavsky – Football 154 tackle players (down 20 from last year). The lower age groups had the drop off. This may be because of the new concussion law. Flag football has 90 kids signed up. Cheerleading has over 50 girls. There will be 2 conditioning camps – one this weekend and one next weekend. Official workouts start July 29th.

USA football started heads-up football – new method of tackling to help minimize concussions. Videos and other materials are available to parents to help teach the new techniques.

Mr. Santangelo mentioned the idea of banning tackle until 7th grade. Scott added that USA football expects there to be age limits for tackle football coming soon from many states.

YMCA: Brandon Bussey – This is the 3rd week for sports camp. 30-40 kids each day. The cost is \$100/wk for members and \$125/wk for non-members. Tom Grassi has about 45 travel basketball kids play basketball twice a week at the YMCA gym – same as last year. Men's basketball will be starting soon – there are 9 teams this year. T-ball summer session will be starting soon - there are 3 teams this year. The Y held their first dance recital – about 120 people watched 4 dance classes perform. There is a planned movie night at the YMCA parking in July. It will be a Strong Kids fundraiser.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Dr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Santangelo to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:43p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 30th at 6:00.