

NORTH ROYALTON RECREATION BOARD MINUTES
TUESDAY July 28th, 2009

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

In attendance: Ed Swim, Russ Wells, Todd Althouse, Larry Antoskiewicz, and Heidi Dolezal

Clubs and Organizations: Larry Battaglia, Bob Baran, Tom Grassi, Mike Donnellan

Motion made by Todd A. to accept minutes from June 23rd, 2009 meeting, Larry A. 2nd – motion carried

NORTH ROYALTON RECOGNIZED CLUBS:

Baseball: Larry Battaglia: This is Tournament week and Aug 3-4 will be game under the lights for Rookie Leagues. The lights and scoreboard are working on the new field at York.

NORTH ROYALTON UNOFFICIAL ORGANIZATIONS:

Basketball (Summer): Bob Baran – summer intramurals: Season is under way and they have about 98 kids.

Basketball (Winter): Tom Grassi: They have 80 participates so far. The Articles of Incorporation for a Non-profit organization have been approved by the state.

Football: Mike Donnellan and Jeff Tarnowski – They have 8 tackle teams, 100 Flag players and a new field in Broadview Hts – Victory Field. Mike also again offered financial assistance if NR recreation department needs it for keeping up the fields for football. It was suggested that he speak with Ed about potentially helping with the lighting costs at York for football practice.

Law Department: Donna Vozar: She clarified the status of the 2 basketball organizations in North Royalton. NR Recreation Board does not have the power to recognize any organization. Only NR City Council has the power to recognize an organization. The Recreation Board may make a recommendation to council for a particular organization to be recognized by the City. So neither basketball organization is officially recognized by the City of North Royalton. The Winter league (Tom Grassi) was chosen by the Recreation Board late last year as the group that they would recommend to NR Schools to for Gym time. However, no official status was given to the group by the City of North Royalton. She suggested that they try to come together as one organization like Baseball and Soccer. She also stated that the NR Recreation Board can make a recommendation to Council when they feel an organization is ready to be recognized by the City. Donna added that in most cases an organization would not be recognized by the city unless the city owned facilities used by the organization – in this case most of the facilities used by Basketball are owned by NR City Schools.

There was some discussion between Tom Grassi, Bob Barron, Donna Vozar, Todd A, Larry A., Larry B, Heidi D. and others present at the meeting about different ways the 2 basketball organizations could come together as one group. There were also discussions to help the groups find or construct facilities for Basketball.

Recreation Director: Larry A. on behalf of Ed Swim: 90 kids participated in the Fishing Derby. This is best year since the derby started. 1 very large catfish caught in the last 15 minutes won the derby.

Council Representative: Larry Antoskiewicz: York 8 (new field) was regraded and then reseeded to fix some bad areas. Field and new parking lot will be ready for the 2010 season.

School Board Representative: Heidi Dolezal: No Report

Mayor Stefanik: There will be a special Recreation Board meeting on Aug 6th @ 7:00 in Council Chambers for a public discussion on a possible partnership with the Cuyahoga County YMCA. The Y is considering converting an existing facility or constructing a new facility in North Royalton.

Todd A. motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:09 pm, Heidi D. 2nd - motion carried

Next meeting will be August 6, 2009 @ 7:00pm in NR Council Chambers.