

NORTH ROYALTON RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, November 24, 2009

Meeting called to order by Russ Wells at 6:04 p.m.

In attendance: Russ Wells, Larry Antoskiewicz, Heidi Dolezal, Ed Swim, Diane Veverka

Absent with cause: Todd Althouse

City Officials in attendance: Mayor Bob Stefanik, Pat Jones

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

Minutes of the October 27, 2009 meeting were unavailable for approval and put on hold. Minutes will be submitted for approval at the January 26, 2010 meeting.

NORTH ROYALTON RECOGNIZED CLUBS:

Baseball: Larry Battaglia, President: Applied for general liability insurance estimates; awaiting responses. Possibility of working in conjunction with Soccer Club in order to get a better price because of a larger number. Regarding lighting on Field #3, we have received complaints from umpires that the lighting from field 2 shines in their eyes...requesting the lights be adjusted.

Men's Baseball: Mike Piscatello -- Submitted the year-end statement. Reviewing the possibility of moving the Parma Hts. League to North Royalton York Road (9:00-12:00). We will have more information available at the January meeting. Starting in May, we would like to expand our summer night league, which currently plays on Monday and Wednesday, to expand play time to Tuesday/Thursday allowing for two additional leagues. Will this be a man-power issue for the Rec. Dept.?

Soccer: No Report

NORTH ROYALTON UNOFFICIAL ORGANIZATIONS:

Basketball: Tom Grassi – The Youth League starts next weekend, Nov. 28 or 29.
Bob Baran – They have found an opportunity for our kids to play in a league affiliated with the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Football: Mike Donnellan, President of the Southern Hills Youth Football League – The season is over for the approximately 400 participants. Lack of available field space for practice and games, as well as, muddy field conditions (too muddy to use) continues to be a problem. The property on Edgerton, owned by NRCS, was brought up as a possible option for additional field space. Request was made for the School Board to consider allocating a portion of the property for the Youth Football League.

Recreation Director: Ed Swim – Baseball fields have been reseeded and topdressed. While fields were closed, a group from the youth football league used the fields, therefore causing extensive damage to the reseeded fields. They have offered to compensate city for damage. NR Bear Run on Nov. 1 had 34 runners.

Russ Wells made a motion to have Mike Piscatello continue running the Men’s Baseball League for the 2010 season. Larry A. 2nd – motion carried.

School Board Representative: Heidi Dolezal -- Three of our North Royalton coaches were named “Coach of the Year.” We are currently in between sports seasons; nothing else to report.

Council Representative: Larry Antoskiewicz – No Report.

Mayor Stefanik – Total of 30 picnic tables on order from the NRHS Industrial Arts class. An agreement with the YMCA should be coming shortly.

Diane V. motioned to adjourn meeting, Russ W. 2nd – motion carried.

Next meeting will be January 26, 2010 @ 6:00 in NR Council Chambers.