

**NORTH ROYALTON RECREATION BOARD MINUTES
TUESDAY SEPT 30, 2008**

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

In attendance : Russ Wells, Ed Swim, Chris Ragone, Todd Althouse, Larry Antoskiewicz, Heidi Dolezal, Mayor Stefanik.

Also in attendance: various residents, and AP government students

Resident Katie West: Castle playground renewal is postponed until spring 2009. Most pieces will be refurbished. There will be a few new places. Sand will be moved to volleyball courts. It was suggested for her to call John Borden from Boy Scouts for volunteers.

CLUBS:

Baseball: Larry Battaglia, Terry Veverka : Done for winter. Lights are working after repairs at York Field. If levy does not pass, registration will have to be at a city location. Dave Burdette resigned as Girls Commissioner. His resignation letter was read aloud. It was suggested that Hall of Fame wall/board be created to honor individuals that have contributed to NR sports programs. Dave will be considered for the Hall of Fame because of his numerous contributions to North Royalton Sports.

Soccer: Frank Castrovillari: Baseball can use Soccer meeting room if need for registration. Soccer would like to add U-16 division for Spring 2009. Lawsuit is on the back burner until October meeting after talking to NR legal department.

Basketball: Russ Wells gave a report (per request of the Mayor) on the two NR basketball groups in order to pick an official club for the Winter season. He recommended that NR Recreation Board Sponsor Tom Grassi's group for NR winter basketball program. He thanked Bob Baran for all his efforts this past year in promoting basketball and running a summer program for NR kids. Mayor reported that private group is looking at a property on Rt 82 for a field house that would have indoor basketball courts and soccer/flag football field, etc. Bob Baran suggested that the field center could also be used for Volleyball. If Levy passes the NR Rec board will allocate School Gym time instead of school. Chris Ragone made a motion to accept the recommendation that Tom Grassi's group be the official NR Basketball group for the Winter Season, Todd Althouse seconded the motion.

Men's Softball: no rep, but the season is winding down. 1 week was cancelled because of rain.

Recreation Director: Ed Swim: York Field 3 has new locked breaker boxes like the other fields. New fields at Royalview and Valley Vista have been seeded (and the grass is already coming up). NR Bear Run is set for November 2nd at Memorial Park. Ed recommends that a sprinkler system be installed at Heasley field ASAP – project price is projected to be \$18K. Russ W. makes a motion to accept Ed's recommendation and added that the lowest and best bid will be accepted. Larry A. seconded the motion.

Council Representative: Larry Antoskiewicz: York Field plans are on the agenda at the next Planning Commission meeting – 10/7/08. Phase 1 – The big field, Phase 2 – Install lights, Phase 3 – Parking lot and small field. If approved then project could start as soon as 10/8/08 or ASAP.

School Board Representative: Heidi Dolezal: Stressed the importance of the Levy to North Royalton Schools.

Mayor Stefanik: City is still working on YMCA and Town Center.

Resident Dave Filippi: Asked for a clarification on winter basketball – Tom Grassi told him how many age groups and how many teams per age group.

Resident Chris Sauer: a high school basketball coach and has a 4th grade step son - wanted to know what basketball group his son should join. Tom Grassi stated that he must go to tryouts to join the NR Winter Basketball program.

Resident Dan Tomon: Stated that there could be problems with a YMCA or Private field house that is not controlled by the city. He would like to see a scaled down City owned Recreation center – something with courts and pool for swim team/lessons.

Resident Chris May: Expressed concerns that NR Travel Baseball does not give opportunities for boys that may not be good enough to make the NRBB travel teams. She also asked for field time for North Coast Admiral travel team.

Russ Wells motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:30 pm, Larry A. 2nd

Next meeting will be Oct. 28, 2008 @ 6:00pm.