

NORTHVALE RECREATION MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 18, 2016

Present: Kari Sedano, Ken DeGennaro, Joe McGuire, Dave Uglione, Heinz Schroeder, Mike Small, Vinnie Grillo, Jordan Flavell-Boney and Amy Ibrahimaj

Motion to open the meeting at 8:06pm made by Mike Small, 2nd by Vinnie Grillo.

Motion to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2016 meeting as written made by Dave Uglione, 2nd by Ken DeGennaro, all in favor, minutes approved.

Basketball: Dave Uglione reported that winter basketball signups are on Tuesday, October 25th from 7:00-9:00pm in the 2nd floor room at borough hall. Ken is hoping to add indoor soccer to that as well. Dave put in the paperwork for the usage of the gym at school and should be able to start the week of November 14th. Dave wants to email blast through the recreation newsletter about the men's adult basketball league. He will also be checking with Chodae Church about getting some gym time there.

Soccer: Ken DeGennaro reported that the outdoor season is more than half way done. Numbers were slightly down overall but K-4th grade numbers were higher than last year. He has additional referees which has been a welcome improvement. NVSC gave us new goals and nets but as the season is almost over he might save the nets for next year. Kari Sedano asked who keeps the practice schedule for the fields/coaches since there were a few issues in the beginning with too many teams trying to use the fields at the same time at Hogan's. Ken said he keeps the schedule and was able to fix the issue by reminding the coaches that they don't need the whole large sided field for practice, that many teams can split the area up and practice at the same time. Kari wants to make sure that the recreation teams get 1st choice of field usage when there is daylight and then the club teams can practice when it is darker under the lights they provided. Ken has let the club teams have the fields on Tuesdays as there are usually many conflicts that night with CCD (religion classes).

Rifle: Heinz Schroeder reported that all is going well. The new group is doing well and patches were given out based on rank earned.

Softball: Jordan Flavell-Boney reported that signups are scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, 2017 along with baseball and adult softball.

Baseball: Mike Small reported nothing is going on now; meetings will begin in November to set the season and league rules.

Other business: Kari Sedano questioned how to get the Rutger's Volunteer Coaching Class here in town. Mike Small suggested she contact the other heads of recreation in the surrounding towns to see if we can combine and get a class held locally.

Ken DeGennaro mentioned he is willing to give up the scheduling of the soccer fields/games if anyone is interested. Kari said she could help with it or try to find someone. He also asked if there was any resolution to the North Field at the school. Joe McGuire said there is a new solution from "Field Pro" that would include aerating the field and laying more topsoil and seed. It will cost around \$5400, which is less than the previous estimate.

Meatheads: Kari Sedano reported that Meatheads has been working out of the snack bar making money but not under our contract. Town council will not be involved in the snack bar moving forward but has said that Meatheads is not allowed back. The council wants them to move out and return their keys. Mike Small will handle the move out and make sure inventory is correct. Kari will reach out to the Rockleigh to see if they still have equipment to donate. We now need to figure out about the health code violation and fix them. Discussion about going back to basics like hot dogs, pretzels, drinks and packaged snacks ensued. Talk about how to get parents to volunteer to work it came up with a possible solution of having the coaches schedule a parent per home game to work in the snack bar. More discussion is needed.

Motion to close the meeting made by Heinz Schroeder, 2nd by Dave Uglione – meeting closed at 8:53pm.