

**NORTHVALE RECREATION MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 18, 2017**

Present: Kari Sedano, Heinz Schroeder, Vinnie Grillo, John Briguglio, Rich Fleury, Dave Uglione, Jordan Flavell-Boney and Amy Ibrahimaj

Council: Lou DeLisio

Motion to open the meeting at 8:02pm made by Vinnie Grillo, 2nd by Dave Uglione.

Motion to approve the minutes as written for the meeting of March 21, 2017 made by Rich Fleury, 2nd by Vinnie Grillo, all in favor, minutes approved.

Basketball: Dave reported signups for Summer Basketball will be Thursday, April 20th at borough hall from 7:00 - 9:00pm. June 1st is last cut off date for registration.

Soccer: Rich Fleury reported all is done with winter indoor soccer. Fall signups in June sometime. Kari Sedano said we are getting new uniforms for soccer.

Rifle: Heinz Schroeder reported nothing new. Season ends the 3rd week of June. Monday, June 19th are signups. Kids in the program get early registration and the program may give first options to Northvale/Rockleigh residents before other town residents.

Baseball: Vinnie Grillo reported uniforms are in and done. Only a few issues so far. John Briguglio did a great job with scheduling! Games started Monday, April 17th.

Adult softball starts next Sunday, April 30th and needs 15 more players to make 4 teams. John is getting requests for Veteran's park, Kari Sedano will check to see if it is available. She also mentioned we should get approval for use of the school field at the next Board of Education meeting. DPW will be keeping it groomed.

Opening Day: Kari Sedano and Vinnie Grillo reported that opening day is this Saturday, April 22nd. It begins 9:00am at Hogan's Park with kids in uniform and parading around the walking path. Snack shack is open for treats to purchase, hot dogs are free. Dunk tank will be available from 10:00-12:00 noon. Blow up speed pitch machine will be there, coaches home run derby beginning at 10:00am, ice cream truck from 11:00-12:00 noon, fire truck and face painters will be there too. DJ with music and a prize for the home run derby will be provided. We are getting 2 port-o-potties, 2 coolers with ice from the fire department and 5 tables. Jerry Lenahan is singing, the Mayor will throw the 1st pitch, games start at 1:00pm and all festivities will be done around 2:00pm.

At the tables we will have girl scouts selling cookies, the Norwood swim club, adult softball and friends of the library representatives.

Softball: Jordan Flavell-Boney reported that uniforms came in and all is ready to go with the season.

By-Laws/Forms: We began to discuss some of the changes the Mayor and Council put forth in response to our by-laws and supplementary forms. The changes are reprinted here for reference:

The councilmembers had an opportunity to look over the items that you e-mailed me and would like to see the following corrections:

By-Laws – Article II – Officers of the Committee

Prior to the annual Reorganization Meeting (usually held on the first Tuesday of January at 7:00 PM) of the Northvale Mayor and Council, Recreation shall submit the names of all potential Committee members to the Borough Clerk prior to 12:00 noon on the Friday before the meeting for the inclusion on the Reorganization Agenda. (As well as the background checks for each) for approval of the Mayor and consent of the Council, as prescribed in NJSA 40:60-1 as follows:

“The mayor retains all general law authority, presides over council meetings and can vote in the case of a tie. The mayor appoints, with the advice and consent of council, all subordinate officers of the municipality.”

Once the committee members have been approved by the Mayor and Council; recreation can then hold their Reorganization Meeting; formally confirm the appointment of their members; adopt their by-laws; set their meeting dates for the year and implement any and all other functions of their committee.

If and when a program commissioner resigns or vacates their position, their replacement (once a background check has been completed) will immediately be presented to the Mayor and Council for their approval. Mayor and Council meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month and all names must be submitted to the Borough Clerk prior to 12:00 noon on the Friday before the meeting.

By-Laws – Article X – Unsportsmanlike Conduct

There should be an appeals process for anyone who is accused of unsportsmanlike behavior in order for the accused to face his/her accuser and/or explain the situation to the entire recreation committee prior to any punitive action being taken. It is preferable if this were implemented prior to an ejection or suspension, therefore, they would like to see this as item 3.

If the recreation committee then feels that punitive action should be taken, they should only do so only after consultation with the council recreation liaison. If the liaison feels that the matter should be presented to the Mayor and Council a written recommendation should then be made so that the The Mayor and Council may consult with the Borough Attorney. If the Borough Attorney finds that the charges are in order, the Mayor and Council will then agree that the recreation committee can now proceed with items 3, 4 and 5 (now 4, 5 & 6).

Field Rental Policy:

As you can see from the below excerpt from the Borough’s code book, the field rental policy is sorely in need of upgrading. There are a number of entities and individuals, Northvale residents and otherwise who have previously requested field time. Therefore, the Mayor and Council are requesting that the committee draft a comprehensive Field Rental Policy and fee schedule for same that will encompass all requests for field usage. The council liaison to the recreation committee and the Superintendent of Public Works shall be consulted in the implementation of this policy and it will be approved by the Mayor and Council by Ordinance to make it a part and parcel of our Code of the Borough. Field rental forms, requirements for insurance and a fee schedule shall also be prepared for the approval of the Mayor and Council.

Article II:

[Adopted 5-27-1981 as Ord. No. 482]

§ 135-13

As used in this Article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

FIELD MAINTENANCE CHARGE

An annual fee collected by the Recreation Committee and paid by it to the Treasurer of the Borough of Northvale, which fee shall be such amount as is determined by the Mayor and Council herein and

by any subsequent amendments to this Article, as is directly related to the increased costs incurred as a result of the regular recreational use of the athletic fields.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

The athletic fields located at John L. Hogan Memorial Park and Veterans Park.

REGULAR USER

Any person or persons, firm, corporation or other entity that makes use of the recreational facilities of the Borough of Northvale on a scheduled basis during a given season, such schedule having been authorized and approved by the issuance of a permit by the Recreation Committee of the Borough of Northvale.

§ 135-14

A field maintenance charge in the amount of \$7.50 per team, per scheduled game, is hereby imposed upon all regular users of the recreational facilities of the Borough of Northvale for softball purposes. Such charge shall be paid by the regular user at the beginning of the season at the time that the permits are issued and the schedule is approved by the Northvale Recreation Committee.

§ 135-15

A.

The Mayor and Council hereby authorize the Northvale Recreation Committee to issue permits to all regular users of the recreational facilities for the purpose of softball games. Such permits shall be in a form approved by said Recreation Committee and shall indicate thereon the dates and times that the applicant is permitted to utilize the recreational facilities.

B.

No regular user, defined herein, shall utilize the recreational facilities of the Borough of Northvale for the purposes of softball competition after the effective date of this Article unless they have first obtained a permit from the Northvale Recreation Committee.

Fee Schedule for all Sports Programs:

Each municipality within the state of new jersey is mandated to develop a fee schedule for any and all activities that it conducts, please see the below excerpt of the code book as an example:

GENERAL REFERENCES

Alarm systems — See Ch. **61**.

Alcoholic beverage licenses — See Ch. **65**.

Dog and kennel licenses — See Ch. **72**, Art. **I**.

Certificate of smoke detector installation — See Ch. **80**, Art. **II**.

Construction fees — See Ch. **84**.

Contractor's licenses — See Ch. **89**.

Development fees — See Ch. **95**.

Fire prevention inspections and permits — See Ch. **101**.

Hunting fees — See Ch. **114**.

Peddling and soliciting fees — See Ch. **140**.

Poolroom fees — See Ch. **144**.

Site work permit fees — See Ch. **162**.

Street openings, excavations, etc., fees — See Ch. **174**.

Vehicles for hire owner's license — See Ch. **190**.

Cat licensing fees — See Ch. **209**, Art. **II**.

Licenses and fees of the Board of Health — See Ch. **213**.

Sanitation fees — See Ch. **234**.

Therefore a comprehensive fee schedule shall be developed for each sport, as provided for on your sign up sheets. As it stands now, you are charging fees for sports that are not approved by the Mayor and Council by Ordinance.

The discussion included adding the first point from the Council's response and trying to re-word the appeal process to fit into our needs. We asked Lou DeLisio to ask the Council why some of these changes are being put in place by the Council when they weren't in our original by-laws to begin with. We asked Lou to also ask the town to take over the field rental policy if the money coming

from the rentals don't go to recreation. We also asked Lou to find out if we can set up a merchant services account or if they can set one up for us.

Other business: Discussion then ensued about online registrations and taking payments as well as just registering players as the soccer program does now. We still need more info on merchant services and Vinnie said he will look into it.

Motion to close the meeting made by Vinnie Grillo, 2nd by Dave Uglione - meeting closed at 9:42pm.