

**NORTHVALE RECREATION MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 20, 2017**

Present: Kari Sedano, Vinnie Grillo, John Briguglio, Jordan Flavell-Boney, Dave Uglione, Joe McGuire, Ken DeGennaro, Rich Fleury and Amy Ibrahimaj

Motion to open the meeting at 8:12pm made by Joe McGuire, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Uglione.

Motion to approve the minutes as written for the meeting of May 16, 2017 made by Jordan Flavell-Boney, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe McGuire, all in favor, minutes approved.

**Rifle:** Kari Sedano reported that there were 10 new signups for next year.

**Softball:** Jordan Flavell-Boney reported the season is all done. One 3-4 team made it to the championship game. Next week she will collect the equipment bags.

**Baseball:** Kari Sedano asked if there were any complaints about coaches and if any changes would happen for next year. Vinnie Grillo said it really depended on who comes up and asks to coach. There was one issue with one player who wasn't allowed to finish the season and if whether or not he would be allowed to play next year as well.

One 5-6 boys team went to the championship game, but all the travel kids played for the opposing team when they hadn't played for most of the season. John Briguglio brought it up with the league. Next Thursday, the two 5-6 teams are playing and end of season game with coaches and players and having a party afterwards.

Vinnie congratulated and thanked John for all his scheduling duties for the season. Kari thanked both baseball and softball for a great season!

**Basketball:** Dave Uglione reported that the season has started and the college kids are in place coaching. He has indoor sites for rainouts at St. Anthony's but not all towns have indoor areas.

3-4 girls team had an issue with a parent complaining about non-equal playing time, this parent has complained in the past and the issue was resolved. 7-8 boys indoor game had one of our boys dunking on a basketball rim that collapsed. Not broken, it just fell. Dave emailed everyone reminding them to take care of our indoor sites so we don't lose them.

There are lots of issue within the league, specifically Emerson has one team of all 7<sup>th</sup> graders and one team of all 8<sup>th</sup> graders. They were asked to co-mingle but it is not clear if they will.

Dave made the league payment today. Kari asked about the lack of playoff/tournaments for the winter basketball season and if there was a way to get one going. If we can't have one within the league, she would like to do the "blue vs. white" event again and include all the levels.

**Soccer:** Kari said she has uniforms in her car for them. Ken DeGennaro confirmed that signups are 7-9pm Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at borough hall. Ken has K-2 playing on Saturday mornings with a trainer for the first half and then games afterward for 1-2 grade level. He may look into changing the 1-2 trainer session to mid-week and have games only on Saturday morning. He is looking to change from co-ed teams to all boys/all girls teams to play some additional games at the 1-2 level with Old Tappan and Harrington Park, not sure if Norwood will join in.

Kari told Ken to let her know what equipment he needs for her to order and to check the closet downstairs for items. Rich Fleury said he will have the laptop for those who need to register at the signups. Parents can change the sizes they ordered at the signup/drop off time. Kari would like to order extras to have some inventory on hand. She will get the uniform delivery and set up a uniform pick up night hopefully in August. The season will start after Labor Day.

**Other Business:** Kari reminded everyone that all purchase requisitions need to go to her first, then she will put them through borough hall.

Kari wants to do another volleyball camp the week of August 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm – 8:30pm at the school for current 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade girls. Diane Gioffre will run it again and we will pay her. Motion to approve the volleyball camp as defined made by Jordan Flavell-Boney, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Uglione, all in favor, motion passed.

Ken DeGennaro asked to make sure Veteran's Park is available for Mark Torrie on July 20<sup>th</sup> and July 27<sup>th</sup> in the morning and the week of August 14<sup>th</sup> in the morning. He doesn't pay for field usage but gives us discounts for trainers during the season. Kari will email dates to John Briguglio to make sure Veteran's is available.

Kari said there are no signs at the north field at the school about "no dogs allowed" and many people walk their dogs there but don't pick up after them. She asked Joe McGuire if the school can post a sign about it and he said 2 signs are already ordered.

The 2 recipients of the Recreation award at the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation were Casey Rawdon and Alexandra Yuelys. Rich Fleury asked about Recreation giving out awards at the NVOT graduation as well... we can pick recipient based on the criteria we put forth such as played recreation sports, continued with sports, gpa etc. After some discussion it was decided we would think about it and revisit at another meeting. Kari now wants us to pick the winners of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation award based on criteria we put forth. This year, Mrs. Vadovic and Kari were able to pick together.

Baseball photo night with Bassetti Photo went well and we made \$394.87 from it.

Kari was audited by the borough and we need to now keep ledgers of all information of registrations, like an excel spread sheet with all registration contact information and payment, and if we took payment at registration nights or if they came in through Borough Hall. Kari has a spreadsheet she used for adult softball, baseball and softball and will apply it towards all the sports.

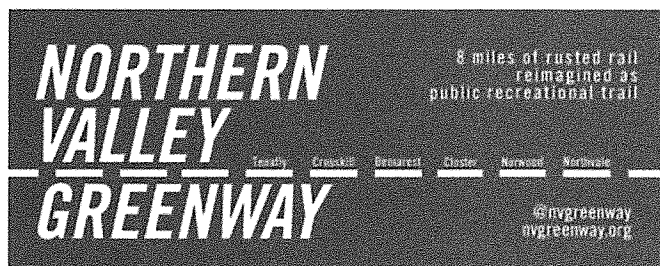
Motion to set up our own website with paperless recreation for \$299/year and 3.98%/transaction made by Rich Fleury, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Briguglio, all in favor, motion approved.

Kari is considering a night at the Rockland Boulders on July 15<sup>th</sup> as a fundraiser for Recreation. \$15 ticket gets \$6 back for us, if we sell more than 100 tickets we can get \$12 back per ticket. John wants us to think more about fundraising. Kari suggested a pasta dinner at the American Legion. She also wants to do a "Recreation Day" at Veterans with a DJ, activities, dunk tank, snack bar and maybe a soccer and basketball shoot out contest. She will email us about it, hoping to do it for August/September to kick off our Recreation year.

Rich brought up the Northern Valley Greenway trying to get the rail trail/ walking and bike path awareness out there in the community. There is nothing for us to do now but maybe it is something Recreation can help out with further down the road. Information is attached.

Amy Ibrahimaj mentioned Northvale Town Day is September 9<sup>th</sup> and Recreation was asked to provide activities run by us, such as a soccer and basketball shoot/contest. Rob DeBrino will be doing a home run derby as well.

Motion to close the meeting made by Vinnie Grillo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Briguglio – meeting closed at 9:56pm.



To: Mayor Ed Piehler  
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Northvale volunteer contributor for the 6 town committee

Subject: Update on the Northern Valley Greenway

Date: June 12, 2017

Earlier this year the mayors and councils of all six boroughs authorized the formation of a planning committee to conduct a feasibility study and recommend next steps. The committee consists of representatives of all the boroughs as well as local Rotary Clubs and other organizations. You may have already seen volunteers getting out the word at local community events, running races, festivals and Earth Day celebrations.

The Northern Valley Branch line, owned by CSX, was once considered for a commuter light rail. Now that line will terminate at the Englewood Hospital. The goal of this Committee is to preserve and convert the 8 miles of unused CSX railway in Tenafly, Cresskill, Demarest, Closter, Norwood and Northvale into a new public space called the Northern Valley Greenway, a recreational path for walking, running, biking and more. It would connect the Northern Valley to the planned Light Rail in Englewood to the South, and to the existing Joseph B. Clarke rail trail in Orangeburg, New York to the North, which extends up to Piermont and Nyack. CSX is interested in selling the unused section of the line while maintaining an option to repurchase and repurpose it, if the need for passenger service arises in the future.

The NVG Committee is just starting to investigate the details. We plan to have regular updates and public hearings once we have more information to share. This is a brief update from the Committee:

- The Northern Valley Greenway (NVG) is currently the working project title.
- The NVG Committee has generated awareness and recruited volunteers at several Spring events in the 6 towns.
- The website to learn more about the project and for recent updates:  
<https://www.NVGreenway.org/>
- There are several social network accounts to follow recent news:  
<https://twitter.com/NVGreenway>  
<https://www.instagram.com/NVGreenway>  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NVGreenway>
- The Rotary Club made a video and entered it in USA Today's community project video contest. The public votes online. We are awaiting the results to learn if the project was awarded any funds.
- Volunteers met with the Orangeburg group to learn what was involved in their 5+ mile project.
- Volunteers are compiling a Feasibility Study that highlights project considerations. This Feasibility Study will be presented to the town governments.

- The NJ DOT has federal funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects from the Federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).
  - The NVG needs to provide placeholder documentation to NJ DOT to help funds availability when a formal application gets submitted
  - The initial documentation to the NJ DOT would only be a placeholder, not a formal application.
  - The placeholder package will include a project description and letters of support from CSX, Bergen County and NJ Legislators.
  - Placeholder package should be submitted to the NJ DOT by the end of June.
- Outreach activities at various local events
  - Closter Earth Day (4/22)
  - Tenafly Street Fair (4/22 & 4/23)
  - Tenafly Church of Atonement "Pre-Mother's Day Sale" (4/29)
  - Palisades Park Conservancy's "Rock the River" run (5/7)
  - JCC "Rubin Run" (5/14)
  - Demarest 5K (5/21)
  - Norwood Community Night (6/3)
  - Tenafly 5K (6/4)
- Growing support from numerous local and national organizations:
  - NJ Bike & Walk Coalition (collaborating partner)
  - Closter Nature Center
  - Demarest Nature Center
  - Hackensack Riverkeeper
  - Land Conservancy of NJ
  - NY/NJ Trails Conference
  - Rails to Trails Conservancy
  - Rotary Club of Cresskill/Demarest
  - Rotary Club of Northern Valley
  - Rotary Club of Tenafly
  - Sierra Club North Jersey Group:
  - Tenafly Bicycle Workshop:
  - Tenafly Nature Center

