

**NORTHVALE RECREATION MEETING  
JANUARY 28, 2020**

**Present:** Nicole Cowley, Brandon Giordano, John Briguglio, Enzo DiMaria, Amy Ibrahimaj, Jordan Flavell-Boney and Vinnie Grillo

**Council Liaison:** Tom Argiro

**Others present:** see sign in sheet

Motion to open the meeting at 8:05 pm made by Jordan Flavell-Boney, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Briguglio

Motion to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2019 meeting as written made by Vinnie Grillo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brandon Giordano, all in favor, 1 abstain, minutes approved

**Basketball:** Brandon Giordano reported that the rim adjusters were installed and it has been a great improvement. Clinics have started with 15-18 kindergarteners attending on average and about 28 older kids. BSAK is good and about 10 hours of extra gym time was obtained by Cho-Dae church. Schedules are going well, travel games going well. Summer basketball is in the planning stages already!

**Baseball:** Vinnie Grillo and John Briguglio reported registration is starting soon, uniforms and hats are staying the same. Looking to fundraise again with Applebee's and Dick's. Season may start around the week of April 13th with opening day possibly the week after.

They are looking to set a schedule with DPW for the fields to be lined on Mondays and Thursdays, Tom Argiro said he can talk with DPW to make it work. The snack bar may still be an issue unless Brandon Giordano can coordinate it again like he did with summer basketball.

**Softball:** Nicole Cowley and Jordan Flavell-Boney reported registration is opening and running through March 7<sup>th</sup>. Their fees bumped up by \$5.

**Adult Softball:** Enzo DiMaria reported the season will open around May 3<sup>rd</sup>, looking to have a couple more teams in place this year and still looking for more sponsors.

**Comments from public:** Much discussion about the soccer program and lack of gym space/practice times was brought up. A few of the coaches present said they were not given enough equipment and ended up going out of pocket to secure an indoor space for additional practices. Amy Ibrahimaj said she would look into Recreation picking up partial/all costs for an additional indoor space for the younger teams to practice indoor soccer in.

Another suggestion was to split the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade by boys/girls instead of keeping it co-ed since they are playing that way in the games. Also it was brought up and discussed that the other towns seem to have an "A" and "B" squad decided on ability where we tend to split evenly so we are not competing at the same level on some games. Some of the coaches present felt the speed soccer led practices were not as beneficial as they could be and would prefer to run their own practices. Reimbursements for the outdoor soccer coaches for officials have been slow in coming back, Amy will check on that.

**Other announcements:** Amy Ibrahimaj reminded everyone that there are positions that need to be filled on the recreation committee and to please think about volunteering, even in the smallest capacity as everyone working together helps.

Next meeting will be during the school's winter break on Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Motion to close the meeting at 9:15 pm made by Vinnie Grillo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jordan Flavell-Boney