

**Northvale Recreation Meeting Minutes**  
**November 14th, 2023**

**Present:** Sarah Kirch, Alexis Connelly, Matthew Connelly, Debbie Smith, Mario Nikac, Beatriz Negrón, Joel Negrón, Krissy Mueller, Heinz Schroeder

Councilman: none

Others Present: none

Meeting called to order at 7:34pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Approved minutes from 10/17/23 meeting. Motion made by Matthew Connelly; seconded by Mario Nikac Motion approved.

**GENERAL:**

- TeamSnap - once coaches are assigned to teams, please get Krissy the information
- Rutgers Coaching Class - form will be submitted in the next few days, online class offered in December
- Borough will reimburse for fingerprinting in 2024
- Community Pass - is it possible for commissioners to have access to see reports and send out communications to player families
  - Sarah will ask to be added as an admin
- Adjust registration to an earlier period, adjust week long late period to two days.
- Should we add an early registration incentive?
- Dennis Pothos offered to take on banner sponsorship. Banners need to be replaced.

**Field and Gym Usage:**

- Gym usage is approved
- March 16 - PTO Spring Fling in the APR only, will not conflict with REC events
- Is the Winter Concert at school a gym conflict for the evening before the performance? Sarah will reach out to Mr. Schulman to confirm whether we need to black out the date.
- Nick Piersons offered to help with the field usage form
  - Sarah updated the schedule to a google doc so that it stays live

#### SOCCER:

- Everyone has semi finals this weekend;  $\frac{3}{4}$  and  $\frac{5}{8}$  girls, boys
- Indoor is set-up,  $\frac{7}{8}$  boys and girls registration is very low
  - Current registrants might need to be reimbursed if teams can't be filled
  - May be possible to combine with another town's teams
  - Other levels have normal or high registration
- Gym usage - Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday for practice, Sunday for games
- We plan to limit training clinics this year.
  - Pre K & K need trainers for their clinic
  - Should other levels just use coaches?

#### BASKETBALL:

- Still working out the details
- Travel teams deadline due 11/15 - only one level, boys grade 6, need to order uniforms
- Would like to adjust the registration dates moving forward
- Can commissioners have access to Community Pass reports?
- Travel needs an earlier registration date
- Adult Basketball - (runs Tuesdays, 8:30-10 pm Jan.-Mar.) need to stay on top of who is actually registered to play. There are concerns about liability. Next fall, we need to get an Adult Rec Basketball commissioner. Robin Rudolph says gym time opens 11/28/23.

#### RIFLE CLUB:

- Working to finalize a waiting list

#### BASEBALL:

- Reaching out to confirm other town's registration dates (OT first week of Jan. and end Feb. 28th)
- DeBari is confirmed as an ump, he also runs an ump school open to people ages 17 and older who have a car. If we get him enough sign-ups, he will offer us a discount on his registration fee
  - We can add to community pass and adult softball players
  - We can send to high school to distribute

#### SOFTBALL

- Earlier registration - league wants rosters at an earlier date than we were prepared for last season (opened 1/28, ended 2/17, late registration 2/27 last year)
  - Open early January and close 2/15/24
- Would like to offer winter workouts and can only do that with earlier registration
- HP and Norwood already reached out to merge teams

Motion to adjourn made by Matthew Connelly; seconded by Heinz Schroeder. Meeting adjourned at 9:01pm.