

Northvale Recreation Meeting Minutes February 13th, 2024

Present: Sarah Kirch, Alexis Connelly, Matthew Connelly, Beatriz Negrón, Joel Negrón, Krissy Mueller

Councilman: Marty Mattessich

Others Present: none

Meeting called to order at 7:33pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Approved minutes from 1/16/24 meeting. Motion made by Krissy Mueller; seconded by Joel Negrón. Motion approved.

GENERAL:

- Gym conditions - people should not be on the stage or messing around in the locker room; coaches must communicate with players and their families
 - Do we have a Northvale presence when there are two non-Northvale teams playing?
 - Sarah will follow-up
 - Can the school leave up some signage to say no one is allowed on the stage

SCHOLARSHIPS:

- Application went out to high school students
- Google form for 8th grade sportsmanship award, would be sent to coaches and athletic department at the school
 - Get the form out by March so we can choose for May meeting

BANNERS

- Letter and mailing list is almost ready
- Should we update the cost?
 - Currently - One year- \$350, 3 years - \$900
 - Update to One year - \$400, 3 years - \$1,000?
- We pay for the banner themselves
- Dennis Pothos has offered to be liaison who will promote the banner program
- What is our goal? Ten banners with a three year commitment would replace the batting cages.

TOWN DAY

- 9/7/24
- Conflicts with girls' soccer opening day
- REC was asked to run an event; we are open to ideas but would only want something that would be successful

ADULT SOFTBALL

- Pete Rinaldi is new sole commissioner
 - Can people register through TeamSnap?
- If TeamSnap is easier to use, it is less expensive and we can use it for our other sports moving forward
 - Can we get uniforms through TeamSnap?
- Tom Argiro is also helping

UNIFORMS

- Try to streamline between teams moving forward
- Gold and yellow - try to avoid overdone colors like blue

UMP ASSIGNER

- Mike DiBari - needs deposit \$200 for each league, trying via check
- 3/10 is the due date

BASKETBALL:

- Week seven of twelve
- Teams and clinics are going well
- Second graders trying to get some coed games going to get them ready for next year; HP, Old Tappan, Norwood
- 6th grade boy's travel doing well
- 4th grade girls playing with HP doing well
- Summer Basketball
 - Open registration around March

BASEBALL:

- We need to be careful to avoid starting summer bball while baseball is still going on; just check the end date of baseball season
- Registrations:
 - Pee wee (1/2) - 35, 2 head coaches; have to reach out to a few more people
 - Minors (3/4) - 20, 2 head coaches
 - Majors (5/6) - 26, 1 head coach, 1 assistant
 - Knicks (7/8) - 14, Bodnar/Colon coaching
- TBALL -
 - 57 players signed up but not the right ages, need to block certain age ranges
 - 3 assistant coaches and 3 head coaches

SOFTBALL

- Registration is low
- 1/2 - 7 girls 1 did not reregister from last year
- 3/4 - 17, 4 who did not reregister from last year
- 5/6 - 8, 4 kids did not reregister
- 7/8 - 6 registered
- We will need to waive the late fee for kids we have to recruit

RIFLE CLUB:

- Spots freed up for beginners
- Total of 10 kids, 7 beginners, 3 who can go to competitions
- 8 girls and 2 boys

OPENING DAY

- 4/27
- DJ - Joel or student Tyler Silverman to market his business
- Need to schedule a planning meeting

SNACK STAND:

- We would like to use the snack stand throughout seasons if possible
- Council meeting 2/14 and Marty will speak with Joe McGuire to see what they can get started doing

FIELD CONDITIONS:

- Dirt and clay to field one - immediately
- Dugouts - replacements on all four fields
- Fencing - backstop will be moved up on field one
- Time restraints on projects using our town engineer - looking more to next year for fencing, rehabbing field at Veteran's, converting field 2 to a softball field
- Rehab batting cage
- Utilize funds we have
- Storage - DPW thinks storage units are usable and repairable, added electric and lights, awning, new lock, raised platform to track to avoid mud *need to make sure the unit is mold free and air tight

Motion to adjourn made by Krissy Mueller; seconded by Heinz. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.