

Northvale Recreation Meeting Minutes

January 21st, 2025

Present: Sarah Kirch, Krissy Mueller, Brendan Reilly, Nick Piersons, Debbie Smith, Alexis Connelly, Matt Connelly

Commissioner: Marty Mattessich

Others Present: none

Meeting called to order at 7:36 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Approved minutes from 11/19/24 meeting. Motion made by Brendan Reilly; seconded by Krissy Mueller. Motion approved.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Jenise - reached out from the high school regarding the \$500 scholarship
 - We will continue to use the same application and guarantee two awards
- April 5th - Town "Eggstravaganza"
- Chodae - donating \$3,100 for triple sink in the snack stand
- Mayor is asking REC to donate \$7,100 to reimburse fallen tree removal from Hogan's
- SportsPlus - some complaints from community users - hard to find schedules and figure out how to use. Nick will continue to update and make how-tos.

REC FIELD/FACILITY RENOVATIONS:

- Dugouts for field 2 purchased - \$27,000 from REC
- Field 2 - convert to a skin field
- Spread the remaining dirt/clay around other fields
- Upgrading field at Vets
- new fencing around Hogan's
- new basketball court at Vet's
 - use a different material than the one used at Hogan's

OPENING DAY:

- April 26th, 2005 - Opening Day
- Snack Stand should be open after triple sink is installed
- Will have a follow-up meeting

BASEBALL:

- Registration is open
- Older boys want to move to USBAL - C Flight instead of Knickerbockers; \$1,800 per team including 2 umpires a team and provides baseballs
- Little League - meeting about next week; form a team, sign-up for tournaments - double elimination; We would need to become a Little League charter with the surrounding towns - would need to assign one town to cut the checks and hold the insurance or we would have to collectively form a 501C. Another option for this year would be to form a 12U team.
- Sponsorship for uniforms

SOFTBALL:

- Registration is open
- Pitching and Batting Clinics covered by Rec, some light attendance
- HP - reached out with an idea to have a separate league away from Kinderkamack
- Will reach out for sponsorship as well

TBALL:

- A few kids were registered who are too young to play; registration parameters have been updated and certain families will need to be reimbursed.

ADULT SOFTBALL:

- Michelle Miller will most likely be the commissioner of Adult Softball
- She will reach out to Tommy Argiro for help
- She has a plan to organize this year and ensure sponsorship payments are made to REC

SOCCER:

- Indoor Soccer going well
- Rebels are doing the K Clinic; good feedback. The trainers are owner Chris Efitchoua and trainer Javier Hernandez(Kailey's coach). Discussing Rebels doing Fall clinic - will need a bid from at least one other if planning to use for all grade levels.
 - Six girls helping out with soccer clinic: Kailey Ernst, Harper Connelly Brooklynn Ernst, Hannah Murphy, Delenna Mamalian, and Jessica Horton
- Coaches all seem to be doing well and looking forward to a quick successful season.

- Last week the Council celebrated our two fall champions: 5/6 Girls and 7/8 boys.

BASKETBALL:

- 2nd grade travel is having a great time learning and playing. We have a great group of 6 Northvale boys and 2 Norwood boys who are eager to learn. We're looking forward to the future with these kids!
- A few 5th grade girls have merged with HP for travel. We have not heard of any issues thus far other than limited playing time, but that complaint requires 2hrs to discuss which nobody has time for...LOLOLOLOLOL
- 7th grade travel is struggling a bit, but again practicing and doing the best they can. Competition is very good this year.
- Rec has started. All seems to be going well. We have 10 rec teams total (2 x 3/4 boys, 1 x 5/6 boys, 2 x 5/6 girls, 1 x 7/8 girls and 4 x 7/8 boys). No 3/4 girls this year.
- Clinic for Kindergarten and 1/2 is also going very well.
- Practice times at the school have been a bit limited. The school took away several Saturdays this year and also due to budget adjustments, has forced us to schedule a minimum of 3 consecutive hours for custodians. Thankfully Chodae has been working out well, but with only 1 gym available at the school, now that games have started, practice time is very limited. Basketball is limited to Monday, Thursday & Saturday. Soccer has Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Sunday. We should discuss alternating the extra day every other year to be fair. Basketball has 2 leagues in the winter and it makes it very difficult to offer practice times.
- We need to discuss the possibility of adding height adjustments for the main hoops at the school and parks so we don't have to install hoop attachments for our younger grades.
- Some feedback from parents on Sports Plus (typical complaints)...not very user friendly, can't see schedules for multiple kids, instructions should be sent out on how to use the app, can we use teamsnap instead, some coaches aren't even using Sports Plus and have continued to use teamsnap on their own. Personally for me, I learned how to use it primarily from the desktop version and have no issues. Adding practices and games hasn't been an issue. Just needed to learn how to and I was all set. Nick had asked about Live Score for basketball. I tried using it but didn't have full access. I don't think for basketball it's really necessary because we have a score clock. Might be utilized more with soccer.

RIFLE CLUB/MARKSMANSHIP:

- Took a break over the holiday, resuming on the 27th; orientation scheduled for yesterday (1/21) had to be postponed due to cold temperatures in the range

Motion to adjourn made by Krissy Mueller; seconded by Brendan Reilly. Meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.

