

Northvale Recreation Meeting Minutes
September 26th, 2023

Present: Sarah Kirch, Debbie Smith, Alexis Connelly, Matthew Connelly, Brendan Reilly, Mario Nikac, Ken DeGennaro

Councilman: none

Others Present: Beatriz Negron, Joel Negron, Holly Ernst, Dave Ernst, Lisa Nucera

Meeting called to order at 7:32pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Approved minutes from 8/17/23 meeting. Motion made by Krissy Mueller; seconded by Brendan Reilly. Motion approved.

BUDGET/FINANCE:

- Rec money is under Rec control and the commission will decide how to invest it to improve the recreation experience
- Sarah is working with Nicole to receive accurate account balances following expenditures
- Orders for equipment need to be made further in advance
- We have a Rec Amazon account now; it takes longer to deliver
- BSN Sports account
 - Is it possible to get approved vendors from the Borough? Maybe Nicole can help.
- Bills to the Borough - cc Sarah and Nicole to make sure vendors are paid quickly

GENERAL:

- Work to align all uniforms across sports to match color schemes and designs
- Ms. Freeman wants to use Veteran's Field to practice with the school soccer team
 - Priority over clubs outside of the Valley
- Better communicate with public about how things are going and rationale
- Lisa Nucera - volunteered as Social Media Liaison; she will upkeep Northvale Rec social media
- Meeting every month outside of December
- Sarah contacted Rutgers to see about scheduling an onsite coaching certification clinic
 - Fingerprinting as well, Borough will reimburse for fingerprinting
- Advise coaches to not buy their own TeamSnap accounts since Rec provides
- Sarah is going to meet with Joe McGuire to discuss
 - Before next season goals - away team seating, add dirt to fields to build up, batting cage repair
 - follow-up on kitchen hood in food stand

- Is Veteran's a better field for adding turf?
- use a different material on Veteran's basketball court than what's at Hogan's

Field and Gym Usage:

- Need someone to take over Field Scheduling - find space for everyone to use the fields
- School allows us to use the field and gyms for free but the school loses money to pay for the custodial staff; we don't want to push the times too much and lose the privilege

SOCCER:

- Weather affecting the season
 - Possible to reschedule training/clinic sessions? No Monday sessions have taken place.
- Pay soccer refs biweekly instead of weekly
- Ken and Mario are looking for more help running soccer; Mario organized the priorities of the commissioners
 - Field management - making sure fields are prepared for the start of the season
 - Maybe remove nets at the end of the season and store
 - Check field conditions for games and practice
 - Looking for equipment manager - sort equipment and order new supplies
 - Looking for uniform manager
 - Possibly have Sportstime run a store for soccer
 - Or through Mike Schulman - 2 week turn around, orders of all sizes
- Equipment in Borough basement can be trashed
- Dave Ernst will take care of equipment, uniforms, and field conditions moving forward
 - Need building use form to get use of the school field ahead of the season
- Winter registration opening soon

BASKETBALL:

- Krissy Mueller moves and Brendan Reilly seconds to approve Joel Negron as head Basketball Commissioner and Beatriz Negron as Assistant Basketball Commissioner
 - All present approve, no one abstains
- Joel and Beatriz met with Brandon and spoke of the transition; discussed finances
- Looking for outside practice facilities
 - Increase registration fee to help offset practice facility fees
- Chodee - uses our fields and should allow us access for free as well
- Impact Zone - willing to rent for \$100 an hour
- Shooting Zone - owner and his brother reached out, wants to do a free clinic in the fall
- Sunday - school gym usage for practice and make-up games?
- Advised to use a different material on the Veteran's basketball court than what was used at Hogan's

SOFTBALL:

- Wants to join with baseball in locking in an ump assignor as soon as possible
 - Debarri

- Personalize uniforms
- Joe McGuire requested that we reiterate to our coaches to clean-up after games and practices

BASEBALL:

- Wants to connect with an ump assignor as soon as possible - Debarri again
- T Ball sponsorship - Brendan is reaching out; t-shirts? Field projects? (batting cage)
 - Uniforms \$400 last year
- Personalize uniforms
- Joe McGuire requested that we reiterate to our coaches to clean-up after games and practices
- Sportstime - set up a store for uniforms; they sort as well
- Work on planning Opening Day earlier - January

Motion to adjourn made by Krissy Mueller; seconded by Brendan Reilly. Meeting adjourned at 9:03pm.