

NORTHVALE RECREATION MEETING MINUTES
8/17/2023

Present: Krissy Mueller, Debbie Smith, Brendan Reilly, Heinz Schroeder, Sarah Kirch

Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Approved minutes from May 16, 2023 meeting. Motion made by Krissy Mueller; seconded by Brendan Reilly. Motion approved.

Sarah Kirch mentioned that she has a meeting scheduled with the Borough CFO next week to discuss Rec finances. This will hopefully bring more clarity.

BRAINSTORMING/FUTURE PLANNING:

- Basketball court material at Hogan's is dangerous when humid or raining. Will recommend to Mayor that the court at Veteran's should be done in a different material.
- Softball/baseball fields: with the amount of rain, turf may be the best option. This could also allow for the possibility of a lot of income from tournaments, rentals, etc. It would also have the added bonus that DPW wouldn't need to maintain/line/mow.
- Dirt area is supposed to be higher than the grass which helps with drainage.
- Would like to model batting cages after new fields at Kennedy: indoor batting cage with walls, light, a little bit of heat. Turf was donated from a football field. Security cameras installed in batting cages, and commissioners have the keys.
- Dugouts/fencing similar to Kennedy Field.
- Field 1 - there shouldn't be any grass, the dirt should be extended fully to the dugout areas.
- Field 2 - should be renovated to a skin field as we currently have 5 baseball fields and 1 softball field. Will probably have 3 peewees and 3 minors teams next year, and Field 2 is mostly used by the younger kids.
- Want lighting for the fields. Were informed that RAB Lighting had offered to donate lighting in the past but the offer was not accepted due to costs to the Borough.
- Crestron sponsored the turf field in Cresskill; could we pursue sponsorships?
- Dave Uglione offered to close in the batting cage. At the time it was being considered, the costs were approximately \$4,000.
- Before next season, we would like to work on the following:
 - Field 1 dugouts and away team seating: the dugouts in Field 1 are a priority while the other fields are in better condition.
 - Extra dirt on all fields to build up the dirt areas and build out Field 1 dirt areas to the dugouts.
 - Batting cage.

OTHER TOPICS:

- Snack Stand: could community restaurants run it for a Saturday and contribute back to Rec?
- Temporary lighting at Hogan's for soccer practice.
- Refs for Soccer,

Motion to adjourn made by Heinz Schroeder; seconded by Krissy Mueller. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM.