

NORTHVALE RECREATION MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 16, 2016

Present: Frank Petrilli, Heinz Schroeder, Vinnie Grillo, Mike Small, Dave Uglione, Rich Fleury and Amy Ibrahimaj

Others Present: Terrance and Allison McCahey

Motion to open the meeting at 8:04pm made by Mike Small, 2nd by Dave Uglione.

Motion to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2016 meeting as written made by Dave Uglione, 2nd by Mike Small, all in favor, minutes approved.

New Business: Frank Petrilli reported that Meatheads are not doing the snack bar this season. The McCahey's will take over after opening day and begin April 25, 2016. They have previously worked in Pearl River and have done snack bars for many CYO's and the Darlington Golf course. Meatheads agreed to work the Norwood snack bar but would also do our opening day as it is next week. Mike Small will check with the mayor/council but as they were the 2nd bid put in last year he doesn't think there will be any problem getting them approved.

Baseball: Mike Small reported that the season started yesterday. Uniforms had some issues but are being worked out. Umpires are being assigned through Marty Mattessich and it was decided to prepay Marty for half the season, he pays all the umpires himself instead of our coaches trying to do it. Half way through the season Mike will reassess with Marty for the balance and pay for the second half, taking into account rainouts and possible make up games. This system should run smoothly and be easier for our coaches so they don't have to come each week and pick up umpire checks from Borough Hall or Mike. Shaun Cowley, another parent in town, has offered his umpire assigning services if we needed as well.

The field schedule is out now and Mike is working out the kinks. Coaches need to go through Mike to use any open slot, they can't just show up and assume they can use the field.

One issue with a parent, Tim Hekl, has come up involving one of our coaches, Enzo DiMaria. The animosity seems to have begun in indoor soccer and has continued into baseball. Enzo wants to file a formal complaint through the recreation and has spoken to the police about this as well. Discussion followed as to the number of chances/consequences that should be allowed and needs to be put into place:

1. One more chance, if he makes a scene or curses he must leave the field.
2. If he comes back that same day he can be banned from the park.
3. If asked to leave another day at another game/practice, he can be banned from the park.

Mike will talk to him and give him a parent code of conduct form to sign as part of his warning.

Mike would like to make Vinnie Grillo his official assistant commissioner in the baseball program. Mike needs the help and Vinnie has been helping him already. Everyone agreed/voted to make Vinnie Grillo the assistant baseball commissioner.

Mike also has information from Purple Mat Yoga who has expressed an interest in getting involved with recreation. He will review and get back to us.

Rifle: Heinz Schroeder reported some interest in a ladies night of training at the rifle range. He thinks that would have to run through the adult rifle club as a free community program and not through the recreation. He will look into it and let us know if it is something he can do.

Registration for the junior rifle club will be in June with the program beginning in September. Heinz also asked that Billy Amend's name be taken off the website where it is listed under "rifle" as he is no longer associated with the program. Mike was asking if there could be some kind of "turkey shoot" to help promote rifle, or go back to offering the "fun shoot" at town day.

Basketball: Dave Uglione reported that signups went well. He has 2 teams at each level for the boys and 1 team at each level for the girls. He may combine with other towns for the girls if needed. May 1st is the deadline to submit teams for scheduling. Coaching should be fine, he may use some of the returning college kids to coach as long as they are certified and fingerprinted. Equipment is all good and he will keep an eye on the nets at the parks. He may buy extra one to have on hand. The summer season will begin on June 12, 2016.

Opening Day: Mike Small reported the following schedule for opening day:

Parade gathering at 8:30am at the American Legion with the parade beginning at 9:00am, walking to Hogan's. Speeches will follow and then the Hoboken 9 will take the field for their game against our coaches at 10:00am. Games will begin at 12:00pm and continue throughout the day.

Sportstime will have a table and give promotional items away and will donate back to recreation. Girl Scouts will be selling cookies as well. Amy will get the coupons for the team players' free hotdog/soda and police tape for the grill area.

Soccer: Rich Fleury had nothing to report. He would like to schedule the fall registration sometime in June before school lets out.

Old Business: The question of online registration came up and Amy Ibrahimaj reported that we are waiting on the people from the paperless pto to get back to us about their recreation program. Their fees seem to be significantly less than other sites used by other towns. They are finalizing some changes that would affect the fee structure so as soon as Amy gets the updated information she will report back. Amy has already asked Alma Giordano if she would be willing to be our "webmaster" if recreation were to go with the paperless pto website as she does it for the Northvale PTO now and she said yes, she would be happy to do it. This program would allow us to send email blasts, reminders and have information/sponsors posted on the home page of the website.

Frank reported that the registration for the Skyhawks Camp had begun for the time slot after the Camp Northvale Summer Camp lets out. Skyhawk's personnel will escort kids from the Camp Northvale location to the Skyhawks location. So far feedback has been good. Since they are doing the registrations, they will give back 15% to recreation. If we had done registrations they would give us 20%.

Some discussion about the field rental policy came up and Rich Fleury offered to look it over and possibly condense it. We need to finalize all these forms so we can begin using them consistently throughout all our sports.

Motion to close the meeting made by Vinnie Grillo, 2nd by Heinz Schroeder – meeting closed at 9:32pm.