

**NORTHVALE RECREATION MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 9, 2016**

Present: Frank Petrilli, Mike Small, Dave Uglione, Joe McGuire, Heinz Schroeder, Rich Fleury, Jordan Flavell-Boney and Amy Ibrahimaj

Others present: Brandon Giordano, John Briguglio, Mike Langone, Jeff O'Brien, Chris Ryan (Sky hawk sports), Zoe Fleury and Craig Weiss

Motion to open the meeting at 8:06pm made by Dave Uglione, 2nd by Heinz Schroeder

Motion to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2016 meeting as written made by Heinz Schroeder, 2nd by Rich Fluery, all in favor, minutes approved.

Meatheads: Mike Langone was asking on the status of the contract between Meathead's and the Borough/Recreation. Frank Petrilli was able to answer that the offer is still with the Borough Attorney but should be getting to them shortly. Mike also questioned by his big signs came down off of both snack sheds last week and Frank said he would look into it. Also, the slide up door under the patio of the snack bar at Hogan field was broken into again. Mike Small said he would look into that and follow up.

New Business:

1. Sky Hawk Sports sent Chris Ryan to tell us about this new business/service in our area that offers sports programming for kids. They are currently in 24 states but new in NJ. They have 12 different sports summercamps, weekend programs and programs that run during the year. They are a full service operation with their own registration system and will supply all necessary equipment for the children participating.

They are looking for space, field time, gym time and a way to get word out to the families in town. They are willing to split their commissions and would be willing to set up a summer camp that would start after the Northvale Recreation Camp.

2. Renegades is a travel softball team/league that is not a club team. It is comprised of girls from the four towns, Old Tappan, Harrington Park, Norwood and Northvale although in the past there have been only a couple of girls from Northvale participating and Craig Weiss is trying to get more girls involved and playing. It is run for grades 3rd – 8th and they have to be registered for their recreation team to be eligible to play on the Renegades teams. The cost has run from \$300-400 but they are trying to get the costs down.
3. John Briguglio came to question why he couldn't register his daughter for 1st /2nd grade softball. A discussion ensued about why we need to have deadlines and how to uphold them. In the end, it was decided that his daughter could play but late signups have been a problem across the board with all the sports and something needs to be done to try and end this habit.

Basketball: Dave Uglione reported that the season was winding down. It had been a good season and he has received many compliments on how the 1st/2nd grade clinic is run on Saturday mornings. The Board of Education has agreed to hang a basketball rack in the gym for recreation so Dave doesn't have to lug all those basketballs each week.

Both Dave and Frank commented on what a great event the Blue vs White night was and that everyone seemed to like it and have a great time... great job Brandon!

Summer basketball meetings are coming up and the committee is asking for all teams to be submitted by May 1, 2016 for scheduling purposes. Old Tappan will host the championship weekend this year. The season should be starting around June 12, 2016. Registration is set for April 5, 2016 and the fees may need to be raised this year. Any money that

is left over at the end of the season is used to help defer the championship weekend costs and then split between the 4 towns.

Rifle: Heinz Schroeder reported that all is going well and he will conduct his signups in June.

Soccer: Rich Fleury (and Zoe) reported that the indoor season went well and we have a 5th/6th grade team in the playoffs as well as one of the 7th/8th grade teams. Rich said we may need to buy new indoor goals for next year.

Softball: Jordan Flavell-Boney reported that the league meeting was last week and there are a total of 29 teams
1st/2nd have 11 teams
3rd/4th have 10 teams
5th/6th have 6 teams
7th/8th have 2 teams and may end up playing Dumont, Oradel and some New York towns in the area.

The game scheduling meeting is set up for March 23rd and she will let the coaches know when their time slot is once she gets it.

Baseball: Mike Small reported that we have 36 kids signed up for pre-T and T-ball and will divide them into 2 teams. We have only 1 team at the 7th/8th level and 5th/6th grade level so they are expanding the league to include Haworth, Tenafly and Dumont to get more teams into play. We have 2 teams at the 3rd/4th grade level and 2 teams at the 1st/2nd grade level.

Most teams are working with Rob DeBrino and waiting for field schedules to go out and get the okay to be on the fields for practices. Mike would like to ideally give each baseball and softball team 2 game days and 1 practice time each week. The baseball schedules are being worked on.

The scoreboard was delivered yesterday! Mike is going to ask DPW to look into setting it up and hopefully have it ready for opening day.

Adult Softball: Mike Small reported they had 35 sign ups already and will have another one or two in the weeks to follow. People are questioning why the big jump in registration fees for this and he broke the \$100 registration fee down like this:

\$55 is uniform costs

\$35 is registration

\$10 is a donation towards the kids' recreation programs

Old Business: Mike Small and Frank Petrilli have gone out and sold more banners for Hogan's field.

We are looking to do baseball/softball pictures this year with an outside company that can come in and offer many products with the kid's picture on them. They have many affordable packages and may donate some money back to our recreation program. We are tentatively scheduling may 5, 2016.

Amy Ibrahimaj and Frank Petrilli submitted a revision of the bylaws and will be looking for comments through emails to try and edit them.

Motion to close the meeting made by Mike Small, 2nd by Jordan Flavell-Boney – meeting closed at 9:35pm.