

**NORTHVALE RECREATION MEETING MINUTES
MAY 17, 2016**

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

Others Present: Kari Sedano, Diane Frohlich, Jen Venditti, Colleen and Darren Gioffre

Motion to open the meeting at 8:15pm made by Mike Small, 2nd by Dave Uglione.

Motion to appoint Kari Sedano as Recreation Chairperson made by Mike Small, 2nd by Rich Fleury, all in favor, motion approved.

Kari Sedano then thanked everyone and said how impressed she is with Recreation and that as she has coached in all sports (other than softball) she knows all the hard work we have put into our programs and wants to work to keep it going strong. She mentioned she noticed a huge improvement with baseball this year with the changes that had been made already.

Motion to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2016 meeting as written made by Dave Uglione, 2nd by Heinz Schroeder, all in favor, 1 abstain, minutes approved.

Baseball: Mike Small reported all is progressing nicely, rain make ups are being scheduled. He has been getting positive comments on our field conditions and sent an email to the DPW congratulating them. One issue came up with Mike himself where he made a comment about a player in the dugout and the parent overheard and sent an email to complain about it. Mike talked to the parents and apologized and all seems to be good now. The other issue with Tim Hekl seems to have been resolved but it may need Recreation to keep tabs on him throughout the different sports seasons.

Mike also reported that adult softball is going well, there are four smaller teams and everyone seems to be having fun. We are a couple weeks into the season and so far no conflicts with the firemen have come up.

Vinnie Grillo thanked Mike for keeping the weekly field schedule clear and easy to follow. There haven't been too many issues with it.

Mike wanted to acknowledge a gift of an "L" screen for the batting cages donated by Rob DeBrino. It is under lock-n-key but Mike has keys for the coaches so they can use it.

Mike also mentioned that Dennis Marshall has been pressing Enzo DiMaria for the gift cards that were supposedly promised to the volunteer umpires from last year's adult softball season, totaling around \$250-\$300. The teams this year for adult softball are not using umpires but instead have a coach and a commissioner on each team to deal with disputes as they happen.

Basketball: Dave Uglione reported that summer basketball is getting underway, the four towns put in their teams and then they look to outside towns to add teams. Varsity girls are low in numbers as there are only three teams in the division and they are trying to reach out to other towns to get six teams total. The season begins June 12th and will finish the weekend of July 23rd with the summer tournament hosted by Old Tappan this year. Playoffs begin after July 4th. St. Anthony's gym is still available for rain outs. Most teams have three games a week and once games begin there really isn't any practice time available.

Rifle: Heinz Schroeder reported that they are changing the program dates to coincide with school and most other rifle programs. He will hold signups on June 20th from 7:00-8:30pm at the range for ages 11-18 years old. The kids currently in the program get to renew by mail, then they reach out to others to fill the spots. Numbers are limited to a total of 21 spots on the Monday night set aside for the Jr. Rifle program. As of now, Heinz alternates Mondays with the new kids and experienced kids returning. He also said he can run a prize shoot for town day if it was requested.

Soccer: Rich Fleury reported that signups for the outdoor season will be on June 2nd at the school. It is a drop off site as registration is done online and parents only have to drop off their payments. They will once again have the kindergarten clinic and will try to coordinate with the incoming kindergarten class parents.

He said they are trying to figure out a summer program for soccer through recreation, more informal, maybe with trainers running a clinic type program with no teams. They are still trying to work it out. Kari asked if Ken DeGennaro had ever bought the small pugs for the gym. She said she had permission to store them in the gym. Rich wasn't sure but also noted that new indoor goals will need to be bought also.

Softball: Jordan Flavell-Boney reported that softball is going well and that the schedule Mike Small puts out really helps.

Meathead's: Kari Sedano questioned where we stand with Meathead's as they are still waiting to receive a contract. Mike Small said he saw a copy of the new agreement and it has a flat rental fee of \$1000 and will run through the soccer season. It is still in the hands of our borough attorney but should be getting to Meathead's soon. They will have to be open no matter how many games are scheduled. They are now operating under an extension of last year's contract.

Some of the issues are with the snack stand itself, the County Health Inspector saw 3-4 problems. Gerry Puccio has agreed to donate all the kitchen items needed from the Rockleigh but we still need someone to pick up and then install them. The offer was made to the Mayor and Mike said he would follow up on it. Food prep is not being done in the snack stand so they are okay now. The grill needs to be moved further away from the side of the building as well.

Mike said all should be done soon and will report back at our June meeting. The new people who were supposed to take over the snack stand duties have threatened to sue the town because they gave up other jobs to supposedly have ours but our borough attorney said not to worry about it.

Memorial Day Parade: Amy Ibrahimaj reported that the parade will begin at the Northvale school and end at the American Legion with speeches and refreshments. Please let the baseball and softball coaches know they are invited to march in the parade in uniform. Everyone will meet at the school by 10:45am, the parade kicks off at 11:00am.

Skyhawks: Amy Ibrahimaj reported that Camp Northvale personnel will not allow any child go with the Skyhawk counselors unless the parents specifically write a note or fill out their registration form stating its allowed for their child to go with the Skyhawk counselors.

Motion to close the open portions of the meeting at 9:00pm made by Jordan Flavell-Boney, 2nd by Dave Uglione.

CLOSED SESSION

The question came up about Adult Softball becoming a designated sport of its own in the Recreation Department. Much discussion ensued about our program being a "youth" program and do we really want to include "adult" sports. As of now, the men's basketball league still falls under the "youth" basketball program and their doesn't seem to be a need to make any "adult" sport its own program. No vote was taken at this time.

Motion to close the closed session at 9:50pm made by Mike Small, 2nd by Dave Uglione.

Motion to close the meeting at 9:52pm made by Mike Small, 2nd by Heinz Schroeder.