

NORTHVALE RECREATION MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 16, 2018

Present: Kari Sedano, Vinnie Grillo, Nicole Cowley, Heinz Schroeder, Rich Fleury, Ken DeGennaro, Dave Uglione, Jordan Flavell-Boney and Amy Ibrahimaj

Others Present: Domenic Menafra

Council Liaison: Tom Argiro

Motion to open the meeting at 8:03pm made by Nicole Cowley, 2nd by Dave Uglione.

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2017 meeting as written made by Rich Fleury, 2nd by Jordan Flavell-Boney, all in favor, minutes approved.

RIFLE: Heinz Schroeder reported the season is continuing, began the second half of the year with a fun shoot that allowed the kids to bring rifles from home. The schedule has changed slightly in that he used to follow the school calendar but will now schedule during breaks/days off except for week-long breaks and Memorial Day.

CHAIRPERSON: Kari Sedano wanted to welcome Tom Argiro, our new Council Liaison, to our Recreation meeting. Everyone is very happy to have him aboard and is looking forward to working with him moving forward.

SOCCER: Ken DeGennaro reported that the season has begun. Community Pass worked well and he thanked Kari and all involved in getting it going. Ken addressed the parent complaint about the lateness of the practice schedules by reminding everyone we get the use of the Northvale gym for both indoor soccer and basketball with no fee from the Board of Education and that we have to abide by their allocation of time as the school teams get first preference on the usage. Some discussion continued about other ideas of getting the younger kids in the gym earlier but nothing seemed to work. The parent present now has a better understanding of how we schedule things and knows we are doing what we can to accommodate his request.

Rich Fleury found collapsible goals that are working well and are easy to use and put away. Kari reminded him she needs the information for the upcoming fall season to get it ready for Community Pass. They are looking to hold sign-ups the end of May through June 15th. It was suggested we have

someone attend the kindergarten roundup at the school to get potential new families signed up earlier rather than in the fall once the season has started.

BASKETBALL: Dave Uglione reported all is good so far. The 1st and 2nd grade clinic is going well; the new trainer is great with the kids. There has been an issue of starting late due to the school janitor getting there late to open the doors. The school administration is aware and hopefully it won't happen anymore.

The 3rd - 8th grade teams are all doing well. The extra time at Chodae Church is helping out with practice times. Questions about travel basketball keep coming up and Dave said he will look into it and get more information for us at a later meeting. Kari asked for information for the summer basketball sign-ups for Community Pass and Dave would like it to open in February and stay open for a few months. She also asked him to look for more college kids to coach the summer teams as that has been working out well in the past.

SOFTBALL: Nicole Cowley reported that "Restaurant Week" began and hopes it does well. She has some information back from Impact Zone but is still waiting on pricing. She is also checking with Vinnie Grillo and Rob DeBrino to see what they have come up with. Sign-ups are scheduled for February 1st with uniform purchase information available on Community Pass as well. They may still hold a uniform night the first week in February for sizing only.

BASEBALL: Vinnie Grillo reported that DeBrino has Saturday's in March available and wants the clinic paid for through Community Pass. He wants to put a link on Community Pass about the latest information on what bats the kids can use to play with to help parents if they purchase bats.

"Restaurant Week" is going well. Vinnie also put an application in to Dick's Sporting Goods Store in August to help sponsor the baseball program. They accepted and will give \$500 towards baseball equipment and \$500 extra for other sports we run for us to purchase basketballs and/or soccer balls, etc. We need to put a link to Dick's on our website and schedule 3 days for a "Northvale Recreation" shopping day at Dick's. Kari congratulated Vinnie on getting the sponsorship and for helping to put "Restaurant Week" together.

CHAIRPERSON: Kari reported that "Forever Viv" was approved by Vivienne's parents to be on our baseball and softball caps/visors. Dave asked when the next certification class for Rutgers would be and if we could host one again. Kari also added that she has someone willing to teach a CPR class that includes AED and child/infant CPR. It would run February 6th and/or

February 13th for 2 to 2.5 hours at \$45 per person. We would need 6-8 people to run it. Tom Argiro will check if we can use the senior center for the class. The Northvale gym and/or APR were other options to hold the class. Kari would like to put the sign-ups for it on Community Pass as well.

Kari wants to sit down with Amy Ibrahimaj and either Tom or Lou DeLisio to finish our codes of conduct and by laws; the hope of then getting them approved by Recreation and then the Mayor and Council so we can use them during the upcoming baseball/softball season and beyond.

Motion to close the meeting at 8:53pm made by Vinnie Grillo, 2nd by Heinz Schroeder.