

NORTHVALE RECREATION MEETING MINUTES
MAY 15, 2018

Present: Dave Uglione, John Briguglio, Nicole Cowley, Vinnie Grillo, Jordan Flavell-Boney, Joe McGuire and Amy Ibrahimaj

Council Liaison: Tom Argiro

Others present: Richard Gutschmidt

Motion to open the meeting at 8:07pm made by Dave Uglione, 2nd by Joe McGuire.

Motion to approve the minutes as written for the April 17, 2018 meeting made by Joe McGuire, 2nd by Jordan Flavell-Boney, all in favor, minutes approved.

Basketball: Sign ups went well. Of the 4 towns Old Tappan has the largest turnout. We have on the girls' side: 2 teams at the 3rd/4th grade level, 1 team at the 5th/6th grade level and 4 girls at the 7th/8th grade level that Norwood agreed to take. On the boys' side: 1 team at the 3rd/4th grade level (with 1 boy playing up), 2 teams at the 5th/6th grade level and 1 team at the 7th/8th grade level.

All new referees due to complaints from last year on safety concerns. The new assignor is open to feedback.

Someone from Old Tappan wanted to include Friar's teams into the league but Dave and others disagreed as it would affect registration numbers for the recreation teams. Plus, the thought is to have kids play for their town as Friar's teams include kids from many different towns. Because of the disagreement, St. Anthony's church said we could not use their facility for our rainouts during the summer season. Joe McGuire was able to talk to the people at St. Anthony's and explain everything and they are now okay with it all and will allow the recreation games to play there in bad weather.

The summer season begins June 10th and goes until after July 4th. Northvale is hosting the end of season championship tournament and Dave would like to have a DJ and food trucks and the ice cream truck there.

Baseball: Picture night was last night, all went well. They are currently half way through the season and all is going okay. Opening day was a success and Vinnie and John want to thank all the volunteers that day! They are still getting requests for hats so Vinnie will do it through Sport's Time and their online site. Rob DeBrino is running the Jr. Home Run Derby but the fields may not be good due to all the rain. Plus, DPW can't work overtime to put in the fence so John and Vinnie will figure something out. Dave said he may have something they can use.

Softball: Opening day went well. There have been a lot of rain outs so far and they are hoping to reschedule some of the games.

Other Business: PAL Football is looking to host the Punt, Pass & Kick program at Hogan's field and asked Recreation if we could have the snack bar open for it. We would retain the proceeds but need people to work. Amy Ibrahimaj said she will look for volunteers and figure it out.

The 8th grade promotion ceremony is coming soon and we were asked if we are continuing with our award for Excellence in Athleticism. Our stipulations from the past included having the recipient play more than one recreation sport and we would like to be a part of the selection process.

Motion to continue sponsoring two awards for excellence in athletics for the Northvale 8th grade promotion ceremony to be accompanied by either a \$50 or \$100 gift card (dependent on what has been done in the past) made by Joe McGuire, 2nd by Jordan Flavell-Boney, all in favor, motion passed.

The bathrooms will be cleaned once a day by DPW and we will look into getting a soap dispenser or something in there.

Motion to close the meeting at 9:08pm made by Vinnie Grillo, 2nd by John Briguglio.

Mr. Gutschmidt then asked if we had any policies about parents and/or siblings being allowed in the dugout during games/practices. He feels it is a safety concern and should not be happening. We assured him that only certified coaches are allowed in the dugouts and we can email the coaches to make sure this is being followed. He also questioned the recreation "code of conduct" and how it works within the department. Amy Ibrahimaj answered that we are still finalizing the wording with the Mayor and Council but that it would allow for warnings and a chance for the "accused" to appeal any decision that would be made.