

NORTHVALE RECREATION MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 25, 2020

Present: Nicole Cowley, Enzo DiMaria, Brandon Giordano, Ken DeGennaro, Mario Nikac, Vinnie Grillo, Heinz Schroeder, Jordan Flavell-Boney and Amy Ibrahimaj

Council Liaison: Tom Argiro

Others Present: Zoom attendees from the public, no attendance sheet

Motion to open the Zoom meeting at 7:03pm made by Enzo DiMaria, 2nd by Vinnie Grillo.

Motion to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2020 meeting as written made by Vinnie Grillo, 2nd by Nicole Cowley, all in favor, minutes approved.

Soccer: Mario Nikac reported they are a go!! League is running with 6 out of 8 towns playing so far. They need more 5th/6th and 7th/8th grade boys to sign up. About 25 signed up at the 1st/2nd level where there will be no intertown play to limit exposure. The return to play plan was submitted to the town and we are waiting for feedback.

The season would begin September 19th with lower age levels playing at Veteran's and older ones at Hogan's. They need to schedule well to not have extra teams waiting to play in the parks at the same time. Other protocols include wearing masks to and from fields but not during play, social distancing, hand sanitizers available, no sharing equipment so players need their own ball for practice, game ball provided and sanitized, no benches so bring chairs. They will circulate protocols to families. Enzo DiMaria asked about having Hogan's available into September for adult softball to continue, Mario said he will work with him on the schedule. Questions from the public about spectators, they will be asked to wear masks and social distance. Mario will get guidance from Chief Ostrow. Brandon Giordano asked about refs and if they will still be using kids for this, Mario said they are still figuring it out. Question about taking temperatures at the field, Mario said they are still figuring it out and waiting for the feedback from their return to play plan. Question about 5th/6th low numbers and what to do, Mario said they are looking to recruit more players and even move a few of the 4th graders up if they need. Registration has been extended a few more days.

Adult Softball: Tom Argiro reported the season began well, 4 weeks into play a player tested positive and they took swift action to halt play for 3 weeks. Play resumed this past Friday and playoffs will now be in September and they will coordinate scheduling with soccer.

Jr. Marksmanship: Heinz Schroeder reported he is an indoor activity and he needs to figure out protocols and come up with ways for the kids to not have to share equipment, this may mean he splits them up into smaller groups to allow for time in between sessions for sanitizing equipment. He is allowed a maximum of 10 in the building.

Baseball/Softball: Vinnie Grillo reported they really tried to come up with a summer season but the numbers were not there.

Other Business: Amy Ibrahimaj reminded the directors to make sure they notify Fran Weston at Borough Hall about any camps or usage of the fields, they had a soccer camp run that the Borough knew nothing about. At this time, extra paperwork needs to be submitted before anything runs at the fields, ie... youth waivers and safety protocols. Also, she reminded everyone that she is leaving in October for England and September will be her last meeting.

Next meeting September 22, 2020

Motion to close the meeting at 7:43pm by Vinnie Grillo, 2nd by Nicole Cowley, meeting adjourned.

