

Northvale Recreation Meeting Minutes
March 19th, 2024

Present: Sarah Kirch, Alexis Connelly, Matthew Connelly, Beatriz Negrón, Joel Negrón, Krissy Mueller, Dave Ernst, Mario Nikac, Heinz Schroeder

Councilman: none

Others Present: Nick Piersons

Meeting called to order at 7:32pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Approved minutes from 2/13/24 meeting. Motion made by Krissy Mueller; seconded by Joel Negrón. Motion approved.

SOCCKER:

- Season over, good showing
- Issue on Sunday with Norwood; their commissioners are meeting tomorrow and will discuss
 - Need to discuss the matter with our own teams, liability issue involved with non rostered players participating under our team
- Uniforms - Need to figure out new design for next year
- Registration for fall needs to get set-up
- Mario is stepping down after the fall, need to find a replacement
 - Dave Ernst into taking over and Nick Piersons will assist

BASKETBALL:

- Two more weeks left, March 30th last game
- Travel - 6th grade made it to semifinals, 4th grade girls played with HP and made it to semifinals as well
- Summer - Joel had meeting with leaders of summer league; still figuring out how things are managed on our end
- Registration needs to open up at the end of the month
- Summer league fee is very expensive; we charged \$135 per player last year and that barely covered the fee
- Want to avoid charging so much that kids that don't play but need to cover costs
- Deadline is tight - May 15th; don't think we can offer late registration this summer
 - Looking to end registration by April 30th
 - Coaches can push out through TeamSnap to blast; add an "event" for registration
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FIELD CONDITIONS:

- Timelines on work is not clear - start date won't be until after September
- \$30,000 of REC budget dedicated to registration

- Plescia Quote - \$125K+ Hogan's only
- Is it possible to get a corporate sponsor or a grant from our borough grant writer

BASEBALL:

- UNIFORMS: Jersey sponsorship for kids with names on the back with sponsor name, reversible
 - Need order in by Friday
- UMPS - getting locked in
- 2 Major teams: rosters/schedule set, 2 Minor teams: rosters/schedule set, 4 Pee Wee teams: rosters set, 6 TBall teams set
- Pee Wee is approved to use the gym for indoor practice using tennis balls - 4 hours a week; softball can have a hour of that
- Looked into Field House - 6 weeks for \$10,000; too expensive
- Baseball ends mid June, no later than 6/22

TBALL:

- Had an issue with families attempting to register a child for the wrong level
- Team roster issues -

SOFTBALL:

- Pee Wee softball can use 1 hour of gym time preseason
- 1 team at each level
 - 8 players at 1/2
 - 18 players at 3/4
 - 10 players at 5/6
 - 18 players at 7/8
- April 1st - game schedule will be released
- Opening Day April 13th
- Blackout dates April 13th through the Monday after (April 22nd) for spring break
- Last day of regular season May 25th
- Playoffs in June
- 10 game season - maybe add some extra pick-up games with surrounding towns who are not in our division
- The league updated the playoff parameters

OPENING DAY:

- Andre will take care of the sound system
- High school choir is not available to sing the National Anthem, Sarah will reach out to see if the Middle School Choir can cover it
- Tyler Silverman will DJ the event
- Which teams will have an Opening Day game? Krissy is looking into it and will know more after April 1st

FIELD SCHEDULING:

- Nick Piersons is taking over
- Can use excel or a google sheets; google sheets keeps it live
- Use whatever platform works - perhaps a calendar app

- Non town users need to pay a fee through Fran to use the fields

RIFLE CLUB:

- Will continue until June

ADULT SOFTBALL

- Haven't heard anything since after our last meeting
- Last year registration opened March 13th
- Can't register through TeamSnap anymore; not enough time to link our bank account

SNACK STAND:

- The hood has been repaired
- Waiting to hear from health inspector

SCHOLARSHIPS:

- Google form being pushed out this month for sportsmanship award
- Can commissioners pass it along to people we know have coached 8th graders in REC

BANNERS

- Ryan's Printing owner - recommended a vendor who would charge \$110 for a 8ftx3ft with grommets banner- Speed Pro in Westwood the contact is Sean
- Currently interested:
 - ATR Basketball signing up for one year
 - Goddard
 - Lynn Smothergril
 - Crecco's - might
 - Jeremy Sullivan - Law Firm
 - Vipers
 - PTO
 - Nick Piersons will get one

Motion to adjourn made by Krissy Mueller; seconded by Heinz. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.