

Borough of Norwood Recreation Committee April 16, 2025

The Public Meeting of the Recreation Committee of the Borough of Norwood was held in council chambers at the Norwood Borough Hall on the above date.

The committee members present during the meeting were:

Gene Huelster
Steven Whaley
Rakesh Ramessar
Fernando Petrone
Kieran O'Mullane
Kevin Wilson
Matt Alberti

Also present:

Lindsay Volpitta, Recreation Secretary

Mr. Huelster called the meeting to order and asked the Committee members to stand for the flag salute. The statement of compliance was read and a roll call of the Committee was taken.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the March 19, 2025, meeting minutes. Mr. Ramessar seconded the motion and the Committee unanimously agreed.

Mr. Huelster noted that this is the 3rd consecutive meeting of the year that Mr. Alberti has missed. He also missed multiple meetings last year.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to begin proceedings to remove Mr. Alberti from the Committee. Mr. Huelster seconded the motion and the Committee unanimously agreed.

Directors Report

No Director's Report

Soccer Report

Mr. O'Mullane said the winter season has concluded. It was a very successful year. The 3rd/4th girls and 5th/6th boys won the championships. Looking towards the fall, the enrollment numbers are strong for the younger grades. As the children get older the

number of participants lessen. Mr. Wilson said he feels that the 7th/8th rec team get diluted because of the school teams. This carries over to other sports as well.

Mr. Alberti arrived during the soccer report.

Football Report

Mr. Petrone said registration opened April 7th. There is a \$100.00 discount for tackle football as an opening special. The numbers are low. Once the June 1st deadline is here a decision will be made if they need to combine with other towns. Mr. Huelster advised that if there is a family in need the Norwood Charitable Foundation can help with costs.

Cheer Report

No Cheer Report

Baseball/Softball Report

Ms. Volpitta received an update from Mr. Perez. Opening day is scheduled for April 26th beginning at 10:30am. All participants will meet at the fire house. The last uniform pickup is scheduled for this Thursday. Santos Baseball Academy has been running clinics with the baseball and softball teams and they are going very well.

Basketball Report

Mr. Ramessar said registration has opened for the spring clinics and summer session.

DPW Director Report

There was no DPW report.

Parent Letter

Ms. Volpitta advised the Committee that the Mayor and Council has decided to have a standardized mandatory letter that will be sent to all families whose children will be playing a recreation sport with a town other than Norwood. The letter will be emailed to all sports and it will be their responsibility to send the letter when needed.

Field Use Subcommittee Applications

Mr. Huelster informed the Committee that an application for the Northern Valley Adult Softball League has been submitted. The NVALS is part of the recreation department of the Borough of Northvale. The application was approved.

Mr. Whaley made a motion to open the meeting to the public. Mr. Petrone seconded the motion and the Committee unanimously agreed.

There was no one in attendance who wished to speak.

Mr. Whaley made a motion to close the meeting to the public. Mr. Petrone seconded the motion and the Committee unanimously agreed.

Mr. Whaley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and the Committee unanimously agreed.

Mr. Huelster thanked the Committee and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Volpitta
Committee Secretary