

Borough of Norwood Recreation Committee May 15, 2024

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

The committee members present during the meeting were:

Gene Huelster
Frank Fanelli
Nicole Rivera
Rakesh Ramessar
Steven Whaley
Kieran O'Mullane
Peter Moylan
Lou Macchiaroli

Also present:

Anthony Foschino, Council Liaison
Anthony Plescia, Recreation Director
Robert Tracy, DPW Director
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.

Ms. Rivera made a motion to approve the March 20, 2024, meeting minutes. Mr. Whaley seconded the motion and the Committee unanimously agreed.

Directors Report

Mr. Plescia reported that the fireworks are set and this show will be bigger than last year.

Soccer Report

Mr. O'Mullane stated that the Soccer Board will be meeting in the coming weeks to formulate a code of conduct that all players, parents, and coaches will need to abide by. The Soccer Board is working on enrollment, hoping to have as many, if not more, teams as last season. They will have a table at the PTO carnival.

Football Report

Mr. Macchiaroli said that the football registration is open. The registration fee was raised to \$300.00. This rate is comparable with other towns. The football program would like to have high school football players help as assistant coaches. The current registration numbers for the juniors and seniors is low, the pee wee and flag numbers are good. Mr. Huelster advised that any Norwood family that is unable to pay for the registration fees can contact the Norwood Charitable Foundation for help. Mr. Moylan suggested waiving the fee for parent volunteers. Mr. Macchiaroli informed the Committee that any player who recruits another player will receive a discounted fee.

Cheer Report

Mr. Rivera stated that registration is open. The fee will increase as of June 1st. They held an information meeting that had a good turnout, with most people being for the flag team. Sizing for uniforms will take place on June 3rd. The pee wee skirts will be updated this season. An all season jacket will be included with the registration fee of \$175.00. Families will be required to purchase the bloomers, bows, white sneakers, and socks. Cheer will also be looking to use high school cheerleaders as assistant coaches. Mr. Whaley suggested all sports recruit help from the high school students.

Baseball/Softball Report

Ms. Volpitta read a report from Mr. Rinaldi stating the end of season celebration will take place on June 8th and will consist of a barbeque and coaches verse players game.

Basketball Report

Mr. Ramessar said they are hoping to have six (6) to eight (8) teams in the summer league. Clinics will be starting in June. They are looking for volunteers as many people are not available during the summer months. Mr. Ramessar requested the recreation Committee approve the recommendation to have the new electronic scoreboard dedicated to Tom Musial, head of the basketball program. Mr. Musial has been with the program since 2007. Though his children are no longer with the program he continues to be involved. It is the feeling of the Basketball Board that without Tom Musial there would not be a program.

Ms. Rivera made a motion to recommend to the Mayor and Council that the electronic scoreboard be dedicated to Tom Musial. Mr. Macchiaroli seconded the motion and the Recreation Committee unanimously agreed.

DPW Director Report

Mr. Tracy informed the Committee that new padding has been installed in the backstops and around the light poles. He is waiting on the second quote for the scoreboard installation. Once that is received installation will begin.

Soccer Board Badolati/Suljic Resolution

Mr. Huelster stated that he and Councilman Foschino discussed the matter with the Borough Attorney who advised that the decision on how to handle the matter be determined by the Soccer Board. Mr. O'Mullane stated that the Soccer Board decided that Mr. Badolati and Mr. Suljic are no longer permitted to coach under the Norwood recreation soccer program. Councilman Foschino advised that an email will be sent with the final decision and any appeals can be directed to the Mayor and Council.

Ms. Rivera made a motion to accept the Soccer Boards recommendation to no longer permit Mr. Gus Badolati and Mr. Ermin Suljic from coaching under the Norwood recreation soccer program. Mr. Ramessar seconded the motion and the Committee unanimously agreed.

By Law Subcommittee

Mr. Wilson, Mr. Moylan, and Mr. O'Mullane are finalizing the draft of the by laws that, once approved by the Mayor and Council, will become the standard for all sports under the umbrella of the Norwood Recreation.

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

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

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

Mr. Huelster thanked the Committee and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Volpitta
Committee Secretary