

Borough of Norwood Recreation Committee October 16, 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
Ariel Perez
Lou Macchiaroli
Steven Whaley
Kevin Wilson
Peter Moylan

Also present:

Robert Tracy, DPW Director
Anthony Plescia, Recreation 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.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the September 18, 2024, meeting minutes. Mr. Whaley seconded the motion and the Committee unanimously agreed.

Directors Report

Mr. Plescia gave an update on the discussion from last meeting regarding the lacross league looking to fall under the insurance of the individual towns. Old Tappan and Demarest have not yet agreed.

Soccer Report

No soccer report

Football Report

Mr. Whaley made a motion to approve the field use request for the NV Eagles to use the field for their Pee Wee and Jr games on October 21st. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and the Committee unanimously agreed.

Cheer Report

Ms Rivera advised that senior night will be November 2nd, during the last home game. The Banquet will be held on November 21st.

Baseball/Softball Report

Mr. Perez advised the Board met on October 1st. The goal is to open registration earlier than last year. Talks were had with 3 surrounding towns to potentially create a summer little league. The Board also had discussions regarding the clinics for next year.

Basketball Report

No basketball report

DPW

No DPW report

By Law Subcommittee

Ms. Volpitta advised that Mr. Corrison is still reviewing the bylaws.

Rec Center Exploratory Subcommittee

Mr. Whaley advised the subcommittee met and laid out a plan for moving forward. They will be visiting rec centers in other towns, such as the Bethany Church in Washington Township. The church does not run the program, but owns the land. It is a different model than what the committee was thinking. They will also be visiting Cresskill and Westwood to get a better idea of what will be good for our community. They are enlisting members that are not part of the Recreation Committee to be a part of the subcommittee.

Mr. Huelster thanked the subcommittee for there work so far.

Playground Update

Ms. Volpitta informed the Committee that, per Councilwoman Hausmann, the equipment installation will begin on Monday. Mr. Wilson, Mr. Huelster, and Mr. Whaley feel when there is a project involving recreation facilities, the Recreation Committee should be involved in all aspects.

Pickleball Courts Update

Ms. Volpitta advised that the pickleball courts should be advertised to go out to bid next week.

Kennedy Field Pavilion Update

Ms. Volpitta advised that there are currently no concrete plans for the pavilion at Kennedy Field. Mr. Huelster asked what the policy is on soliciting donations.

Public Comment

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

There was no one in the public who wished to speak.

Mr. Wilson 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