

Borough of Norwood Recreation Committee June 18, 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
Frank Fanelli
Fernando Petrone
Kevin Wilson
Kieran O'Mullane
Ariel Perez
Nicole Rivera
Mayank Rastogi

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.

Ms. Rivera made a motion to approve the May 21, 2025, meeting minutes. Mr. Petrone seconded the motion and the Committee unanimously agreed.

Directors Report

Mr. Plescia said the fireworks are all set for the 4th of July. The Baseball/Softball Board is considering opening the snack shed. There will be safety meeting on Monday, June 23rd. Mr. Plescia is not in favor of combining all four (4) towns for the football program. He feels combining two (2) towns will help the children better develop.

Soccer Report

Mr. O'Mullane said the fall registration opened about ten (10) days ago.

Football Report

Mr. Petrone advised the Committee that the majority of the Raiders players are from Harrington Park. A minimum of fifteen (15) players are needed to field a team. The

Raiders could not make that number. The decision was made for the Raiders (Norwood and Harrington Park) to combine with Old Tappan and Northvale. Mr. Petrone has requested to use Kennedy Field for practices for Pee Wee and Juniors, B games, and possibly a scrimmage game. The team will be called the Northern Valley Knights. The home field will be at the high school. Mr. Huelster said this is the only viable option that will allow the children to play. There will be a rotation and there will be playing time for all participants, either on a Monday or Saturday. B players will dress for A games and A players will dress for B games. This will be revisited next year based on numbers.

Cheer Report

Ms. Rivera said she is still trying to get in touch with the Northern Valley cheer program. All new uniforms will be needed. Mr. Wilson suggested ordering through the high school for a possible better price. There are fifteen (15) Pee Wee, five (5) Junior, and eleven (11) Seniors from Norwood and Harrington Park signed up for cheer.

Baseball/Softball Report

Mr. Perez said there are two (2) teams in the playoffs. The closing ceremony will be this Sunday starting at 12pm. The Baseball/Softball Board would like to start a travel league. Mr. Plescia will get them contact information for next year. Mr. Rastogi said to look at other towns who already have travel teams.

Basketball Report

Ms. Volpitta said Mr. Ramessar advised that the summer basketball season has started. Numbers are low and the registration is still opened. They have not held a lot of sessions due to rain.

DPW Director Report

No DPW report.

Girls Flag Football Team

Mr. Huelster would like to form a subcommittee to look into forming a girls flag football team. Mr. Rastogi asked if there is enough interest to form the team. Mr. Huelster said this could be a four (4) town endeavor. Mr. Wilson suggested posting a survey on the Facebook page and sending out a PTO blast. Mr. Rastogi volunteered for the girls flag football committee, along with Mr. Huelster.

Pickleball Court Scheduling

Ms. Volpitta informed the Committee that Signup Genius will be used to schedule the pickleball courts. The sign up will be on the Borough website with links on all social media pages. Court time will be for ninety (90) minutes and end at dusk. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Huelster suggested having signs posted to alert Rockland County residents are prohibited from using the courts.

Scholarship Committee

Mr. Huelster would like to develop a Scholarship subcommittee. Mr. Wilson suggested adding a standing item for the scholarships every February. There were no volunteers for the subcommittee.

Mr. Huelster said Mr. Alberti has missed many meetings and based on the bylaws a recommendation should be made to the governing body to have him removed from the Committee.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to move forward with the removal of Mr. Alberti. Ms. Rivera seconded the motion and the Committee unanimously agreed.

Budget

All budgets will need to be received in November and discussed at the Committee meeting. Ms. Volpitta will send emails advising of the time line.

Ms. Rivera 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 attendance who wished to speak.

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

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

Mr. Huelster thanked the Committee and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Volpitta
Committee Secretary