

Borough of Norwood Recreation Committee February 7, 2023

The Public Meeting of the Recreation Committee of the Borough of Norwood was held in Council Chambers, located at 455 Broadway, and also on Zoom, on the above date.

The committee members present during the meeting were:

Frank Fanelli
Rakesh Ramessar
Reidun Sullivan
Lawrence Rossi
Rachel Schanck
Steven Whaley
Kevin Wilson

Also present:

Anthony Plescia, Recreation Director
Robert Tracy, DPW Director
Lindsay Volpitta, Recreation Secretary

Mr. Whaley 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. Rossi made a motion to approve the January 10, 2023, meeting minutes. Ms. Schanck seconded the motion and the Committee unanimously agreed.

Director's Report

Mr. Plescia informed the Committee that the summer camp would like to begin using TeamSnap for their registrations. Ms. Volpitta has sent an email to the CFO asking for guidance in setting up the account. Mr. Plescia also advised the Committee that the summer camp registration fees have not been increased in eight (8) to ten (10) years and he would like to see a \$25.00 increase, bringing the registration fees to \$150.00.

Football Report

Mr. Rossi said that the football certificate presentation is scheduled at the end of the month and falls during winter break. He has been contacted by several families that they will be away and will not be in attendance. Mr. Rossi is going to discuss this issue with Mr. Heffernan and decide if the presentation should be postponed to a later date.

Baseball/Softball Report

Ms. Schanck stated that registration has been open for about two (2) weeks. There are fifty-five (55) completed registrations and thirty (30) in progress registrations. January Burke has opened a new account named Norwood Softball/Baseball. There is a baseball/softball meeting following the recreation meeting this evening. Peter Rinaldi has contacted Santos Baseball Academy regarding baseball clinics. They hope to have a quote at tonight's meeting. The softball clinics will be given by the Vipers. A quote was received today. A uniform try-on day has been scheduled for February 28th, from 6pm-9pm, at the community center. They are in a much better position this year with umpires than in recent past years.

Mr. Plescia asked about Mr. Matt Alberti's team. Ms. Schanck replied that Mr. Alberti started an 8U club team. Mr. Plescia feels that children who play on club team should also play on recreation teams. If they only play on club teams, they take an opportunity away from other children to play on recreation teams. Ms. Schanck explained these are private teams with no involvement in Norwood recreation. Recreation has no control over who plays on these teams.

Basketball Report

Mr. Ramessar said the season was going well. The scheduled Norwood gym time at Chodae church has been confirmed. There has been no update from the insurance company regarding the injury from last month. Ms. Volpitta is waiting for confirmation from the CFO regarding possible capital funds from 2022 for a new scoreboard for summer basketball.

Knickerbocker Report

Mr. Wilson advised that registration is open and he is waiting for the numbers.

Soccer Report

Ms. Sullivan said they are having a great season and the playoffs are fast approaching.

Mobile Fingerprint Unit

Ms. Volpitta gave an update on the mobile fingerprint unit. The unit is scheduled to be in the Borough on Wednesday, February 15th and the online appointment link is now open. All Norwood residents are welcome to make an appointment and will be reimbursed once they have been assigned a position within a recreation organization. Mr. Whaley reminded the Committee members to send an email blast to all their sports parents encouraging them to make an appointment.

Meeting Date Change

Ms. Volpitta advised the Committee that the council chambers has become available on the third Wednesday of the month and moving the Recreation Committee meetings to this date would be beneficial as there are conflicts had by Committee members and staff. Ms. Schanck had a possible conflict with PTO meetings and will do her best to work around it but was unsure if she could make a change.

Mr. Rossi made a motion to change the Recreation Committee meeting dates to the third Wednesday of the month. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. The Committee agreed on a roll call vote.

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Whaley	X			
Ramessar	X			
Schanck		X		
Sullivan	X			
Rossi	X			
Rivera				X
Wilson	X			
Huelster				X
Fanelli	X			
Stewart	X			
Alberti	X			

AED/CPR Training for Coaches & Volunteers

The Committee discussed the possibility of having coaches and volunteers trained on the proper use of an AED device and having hands-on CPR training. Ms. Volpitta informed the Committee that EMS Chief Chris Barron has offered to have Norwood

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EMS conduct the classes for the recreation volunteers. After much discussion, it was decided that the training would be optional and not a requirement of the volunteers.

Ms. Schanck made a motion to offer optional AED and CPR training to recreation volunteers. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion and the Committee unanimously approved.

Rutgers Certification Class

The Committee discussed the options of holding an in-person vs. virtual Rutgers certification class. After much discussion, the Committee decided to hold a virtual Rutgers certification class. Ms. Volpitta will schedule the class with Rutgers.

Summer Camp Fee Increase

Ms. Schanck made a motion to approve the summer camp fee increase to \$150.00. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and the Committee unanimously agreed.

Field Use Subcommittee Report

Mr. Whaley advised the Committee that three (3) applications for field use were received. Northern Valley Soccer Club has requested use of Trackside, Norwood Public School and Northern Valley Old Tappan High School have request use of Kennedy Field.

Ms. Schanck made a motion to approve the applications for field use. Mr. Rossi seconded the applications and the Committee unanimously agreed.

Open to the Public

Ms. Sullivan made a motion to open the meeting to the public. Ms. Schanck seconded the motion and the Committee unanimously agreed.

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

Mr. Wilson thanked Mr. Adrian Burke for the many pounds of chili he made for the Winter Festival.

Mr. Rossi informed the Committee that tomorrow evening at 7pm Northern Valley Old Tappan High School will be hosting the State Sectional Finals for wrestling. NVOT has never won the title.

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

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

Mr. Whaley thanked the Committee and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Volpitta, Recreation Committee Secretary