

Borough of Norwood Recreation Committee November 20, 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
Kieran O'Mullane
Rakesh Ramessar
Ariel Perez
Kevin Wilson
Peter Moylan

Also present:

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 October 16, 2024, meeting minutes. Ms. Rivera seconded the motion and the Committee unanimously agreed.

Directors Report

Mr. Plescia said the flag football team has gone undefeated. The NVOT football team is doing well, with a game this weekend. Mr. Plescia advised that Demarest and Old Tappan are onboard with the lacrosse program.

Soccer Report

Mr. O'Mullane advised that the fall soccer season has ended. The 4th grade boys won the championship. The winter season will be beginning soon, starting December 7th. This will be an earlier start from previous years. Gym time is needed for December practices. Registration is open for the winter. The registration for the older grades is struggling.

Football Report

No Report

Cheer Report

Ms. Rivera said cheer is over and uniforms have been returned. The banquet is tomorrow night. There were not enough girls interested in participating in the competition.

Baseball/Softball Report

Mr. Perez advised that the Baseball/Softball Board has been discussing the budget for next year. They are looking to get involvement from the parents of younger players to coach. There were issues this year with coaches not showing up. Mr. Wilson suggested having coaches clinics.

Basketball Report

Mr. Ramessar said registration is open with not many participants. There is only one travel team, 7th/8th grade boys. Travel will start early to mid December. Basketball is also having problems getting parent volunteers.

DPW

No DPW Report

Winter Fest 2025

Mr. Huelster asked for suggestions for the Winter Fest date. Mr. Wilson said that January 18th is the last Saturday playoff game. The Committee agreed that January 18th will be the date of Winter Fest with the following Saturday as the rain date.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to purchase the Winter Fest banner. Mr. Moylan seconded the motion and the Committee unanimously agreed.

Ms. Volpitta will contact food trucks for the event.

Public Comment

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

Mr. Huelster advised that the Rec Center subcommittee will have a meeting before December 11th. He would also like the Committee to discuss what capital needs will be requested for 2025.

Mr. Plescia made a suggestion of changing the lights at the field to LED and to look for grants.

Ms. Rivera asked if the sound system at the field is able to be connected to wifi.

Ms. Rivera asked if the home side of the field can be switched to the other side because the sun is in the eyes of the spectators.

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

Mr. Fanelli made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Moylan seconded the motion and the Committee unanimously agreed.

Mr. Huelster thanked the Committee and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Volpitta
Committee Secretary