

North Plainfield Parks and Recreation

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Time: 7:51 PM

Location: Vermeule Community Center

Attendees:

Dennis Jackson (Director)	Tom Allen	Mark Kelly (<i>Absent</i>)
Jenn DeJesso (Co-Director)	Michelle Brown	Mark Kruscynski
Joe Irovando (Assistant Director)	Nyja Canada (<i>Absent</i>)	Larry LaRonde (Mayor)
Tammy Guevara (Chair)	Van Dickerson	Joanne Pierre (<i>Absent</i>)
Nick Kisling (Vice-Chair)	Marie Glover (<i>Absent</i>)	Wendy Sepulveda (<i>Absent</i>)
Lisa Crenshaw (Secretary)	Derek Haley (<i>Absent</i>)	

I. Statement of Compliance read by Joe Irovando

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Attendance taken. Quorum met and meeting proceeded.

IV. Nominations / Re-organization

- a. Chair: Tom Allen nominated Tammy Guevara; seconded by Nick Kisling
- b. Vice-Chair: Tammy nominated Nick Kisling; seconded by Van Dickerson
- c. Secretary: Nick Kisling nominated Lisa Crenshaw; seconded by Tom Allen

V. Public Comment

- a. No comments

VI. Review and acceptance of October minutes

- a. Mark Kruscynski made motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Nick Kisling
- b. October minutes approved.

VII. Director's Report

- a. Dedicated Trust - \$59,205.52
- b. Baseball/Softball sign-ups
 - i. 2/15 & 2/16 W 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM; 2/18 @ 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
 - ii. Need volunteers: Michelle Brown (2/16), Tammy (2/16), Van (2/16 & 2/18),
- c. Website
 - i. Revamped and rebranded the site (logo, colors, etc.)
 1. Website is more user-friendly and functional
 2. There is no need to re-register on the website
 - ii. Survey on the website
 1. Announcement was sent out / Survey will be moved up to be more visible on the site
 2. Questions regarding parents' opinions and ideas regarding services that people might want
 3. Do parents want to pay for additional training – outside resources?
 - a. \$180 per child for outside company (lower level)
 - b. Not enough time to pull in an outside company for baseball/softball

- c. Decision needs to be made regarding soccer
- 4. CRT (training company)
- 5. PDA
 - a. Does not train and do not have the resources to do the training
- 6. Coaches
 - a. There are several coaches that participate in the program but do not have any children on a team.
 - b. **Suggestion from Van:** gather the parents after practices and games and discuss how their help is needed
 - c. Coaches with kids, kids entered in program at no fee
 - d. **Suggestion from Tammy:** employ people to run the gyms and be coaches for those team. Pay them to do basketball training during the week. This eliminates needing so many coaches.
 - i. Pay coaches to run the gym for the day. Different teams coming through but the same coaches.
 - ii. Paid at an hourly rate.
 - iii. Allows all the kids to have the same experience across the board instead of team having coaches with less experience.
 - e. **Question from Mark Kruscynski:** how do we reach more of the parents from the Latin community? How do we reach out more to get the families invested in North Plainfield sports?
 - i. Already trying every aspect.
 - ii. Already send out messages in different languages
 - iii. How else can we reach the masses?
 - f. **Remarks from Mayor:** In general, committee members must work together to make the program successful
 - i. Committee members should be promoting the program
 - ii. Committee members should be in the gyms and on the fields promoting the programs
 - iii. Committee members should be passing out flyers
 - iv. Sub committees: people do not need to be on the committee to volunteer. Get other families to step up and volunteer.
- d. 2023 Event Sign-up Sheet
 - i. Sheet passed around for team members to sign up for each event planned for the year

VIII. Old Business

- a. Summer Events/Booker
 - i. Community Day w/ bands and fireworks – 7/1/23 (rain date: 7/2) / Parade on 7/4/23 @ 10:00 AM
 - ii. Summer Bands – almost finalized all bands (including new bands)
 - 1. Sale of beer, wine, and sangria
 - 2. Sale of hot dogs, popcorn, etc.
 - iii. Oktoberfest

IX. New Business

- a. CPR Cards
 - i. Everyone to send Jenn a copy of their cards
- b. Fingerprints
 - i. Several committee members may be due for finger prints. Jenn will let the committee members know

X. Announcements

- a. Next Committee Meeting is March 7th @ 7:30 PM at Vermeule

XI. Committee Comments

- a. Baseball registration numbers are slowly climbing

XII. Adjournment

- a. Tom made motion to adjourn meeting. No nays or abstentions. Motion passed.
 - i. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM.