

**PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024**  
**LOCATION: RECREATION DEPARTMENT**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**Minutes**

**PRESENT:** Ezio Capozzi, Danielle Angelillo, Ray Carol, Kathy Pugliese, Anthony Wasoly

**ABSENT:** Brent Davenport, Andre DeGregorio

**STAFF:** Courtney Hewett, Park and Recreation Director

**I. MINUTES**

**A motion was made by:** Ezio Capozzi to approve the November 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes as written.

**Seconded by:** Danielle Angelillo

**All in Favor 5 to 0**

**Motion Passes**

**Minutes Approved**

**II. ORAL PETITIONS**

One resident was present. He made suggestions about safety concerns, Skate Park, tennis courts. Courtney to follow up on his suggestions.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

Courtney introduced the newest members of the board. Anthony Wasoly, Kathy Pugliese and Ray Carol.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

- A. Irrigation at Soccer Field** –Plainville Soccer Club wants irrigation for Soccer Practice Field between Norton Park Road and Madeley Court, across the street from the Tennis Courts. The Soccer Club provided a quote for \$19,000. The Soccer Club is willing to contribute to the cost of the irrigation. Courtney added \$9,700 to the Capital Improvement Fund, for the next budget. Courtney asked if the board would like to keep this capital item on the budget. They all agreed it is a good idea.

**A motion was made to keep \$9,700 as a Capital Expense on the budget for the Irrigation at the proposed field at Norton. The Soccer Club will be responsible for the remainder of the cost by.** Ray Carol

**Seconded by:** Kathy Pugliese

**All in Favor 5 to 0**

**Motion Passes**

- B. “STOP NETS” – Soccer Club** - The Soccer Club approached the board a few months ago about adding Stop Nets in the Soccer Field on South Washington Street, to stop the soccer balls from going into the street, because it is a safety issue. The proposed

nets are 60 feet long, 50 feet high. They roll up at the end of the Soccer Season and only the poles remain that hold the nets in place. The Soccer Club will also need to pay for the required signage. Courtney to contact the person that will install the nets. The Soccer Club will pay for the STOP NET.

- C. **Swim Team Update** – It will be canceled due to being unable to find a Swim Coach. Courtney is hopeful for next year. A stroke Clinic started. Discussion followed on the Swim Coach position.
- D. **Winter Programs** – Courtney reported that the numbers are good so far for registration.  
**Basketball** - The basketball registration numbers surpassed last year. Kevin Harris, the Basketball Coach suggested the possibility of starting a Girls Basketball Travel Team. Courtney to send out a survey to the Middle School Parents to see if there is interest. Courtney also to include a question on if there is interest for a Girls Only Basketball Team, it is currently co-ed and there are only 13 girls signed up in the program. Courtney to report results of survey.  
**Saturday Swim Lessons** – will be starting.  
**Stroke Clinic** – started.
- E. **Paderewski Updates** – Courtney and Ezio talked to the Board about the improvements completed and the possibility of starting a Fishing Derby again. The pond was last stocked before the fish kill incident. Courtney and Ezio to look into this further and report at next meeting.
- F. **Summer Staff** – Courtney reported that she will be sending out letter to see if the Summer Lifeguards and Camp Counselors will be returning for 2024. Courtney to report at upcoming meetings what the responses are.
- G. **New Programs** – Courtney asked the board if they have any suggestions for additional programs, if they do, to please let her know.

## V. ADJOURNMENT

**A motion was made by:** Ray Carol to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 pm

**Seconded by:** Ezio Capozzi

**All in Favor 5 to 0**

**Motion Passes**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Jennifer Dahlstrom*

Recording Secretary