

Closter Recreation Commission
February 13, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Paul Nyfenger, Stephanie Nolan, Tom Antoshak, Dean Pialtos, Nancy Reilly, Wayne Sabo, Jim Oettinger, Brian Beddoe, Steve Potterton, James Thompson, Wendy Nigro, Allison Schwartz, Rich D'Amico, John Kilduff, John Glidden, Maryann Denner, Joe Yammarino

January meeting minutes reviewed and accepted

Winter Sports: All going well. No problems to report

Novice Wrestling Tournament: Ran smoothly. 240 wrestlers from 28 towns. District and Regional Tournaments in coming weeks then season will wrap up.

Girls Softball: Meeting on 2/27 with 7 towns to plan/prepare for upcoming season

Baseball: Northern Valley Demarest Baseball coaches are increasing their involvement at the younger age levels. Clinics for coaches held 2/8 and 2/15. Run by Coach Giachetti. The High School is running a Spring Break Baseball Camp. Pitching clinics are also planned. Registration was light. Late fee will be charged after Saturday 2/18. Forms are available on the Closter Recreation website.

Merger with Haworth and Demarest discussed and approved for Grades 7/8 Boys Baseball. The evaluations will be held at NVD and the kids will be drafted to teams coached by parents from all 3 towns. All 3 towns are having difficulty fielding competitive teams due to dropping enrollment in Recreation Sports. This merger will be evaluated after the season to see how it ran and make any changes as seen necessary going forward. Merging other grade levels and sports will be considered if this goes well.

Due to declining numbers changes were made to grade alignments for Boys baseball as follows

The **American League** (previously 4th grade and some 5th graders) will be **3rd and 4th grade boys.**

The **National League** (previously some 5th grade and all 6th graders) will be **all 5th and 6th grade boys**

Farm League will be eliminated.

Challenger: Very big and successful. 40 kids participating

CCA Golf Outing: Planned for Monday 6/4 at White Beeches Country Club. \$250/pp. The CCA is hoping for 25 foursomes. Dinner only tickets will be available as well. All CCA monies raised goes directly to the kids. Examples are: pitching clinics, soccer trainers,

Easter Egg Hunt: March 31.

Schauble Park: Eagle Scout Candidate Evan Migliore has made a more formal memorial to Kenny Schauble. Kenneth Schauble was a Closter resident who was killed in action in Vietnam. He has been nominated for The Congressional Medal of Honor. His family will be present at the dedication. The park will be dedicated **Saturday 3/3 at 12 noon.**

NEBAS: Closter will be hosting NEBAS this summer (North East Bergen All Star Baseball) Preliminary meeting Thursday night. Joe Argenziano is webmaster. Commissioners: Maryann Denner, Paul Nyfenger, John Nigro, Joe Yammarino.

Congratulations to **Tenakill School Boys Basketball** team on making it to the finals for the Northern Valley towns. They will face Harrington Park in the Finals.