

Village of North Riverside

Recreation Committee

Meeting Date: September 17, 2018

Trustee Czajka, Chairman
Trustee Bianco
Trustee Sarro

Others in attendance were Trustees Demopoulos, Flores and Mengoni, Administrator Belmonte, Recreation Director Morzik and Public Works Director Kutt.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm and the following is a summary of the meeting.

Item #1: Discussion on Veteran's Park Field Usage & Batting Cages: Trustee Czajka called the meeting to order explaining she wanted everyone to know the process to renting fields at Veterans Park. She called on Director Morzik to explain the application process to renting fields at Veterans Park. Teresa explained the way fields are rented and the process that must be followed, she informed the committee on one occasion there were 22 kids in uniforms on the fields where just the coach and his child were the only ones who lived in North Riverside. When approached by a staff member to secure a permit they were very unruly and refused to get a permit. They were also using the batting cages which has signage for "Resident Use Only". Teresa explained that the fields are rented out after Little League and Riverside-Brookfield High School have submitted their schedules. The question came up on should the batting cages be rented out like the fields. Director Kutt informed the board there has been about \$5,000 in damages to the fencing around the batting cages by people who do not use the cages correctly. Tim recommended the cages be used by residents and Little League and he would look into bigger signage stating Residents Only. The committee agreed with Director Kutt's recommendation that the batting cages remain residents and Little League only, also everyone agreed there should be better patrolling of Veterans Park by staff. The committee asked Director Morzik to write an article in the next Village newsletter explaining the rental process.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Trustee Debbie Czajka, Chairman