WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION
SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING: FEBRUARY 2, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Denise Kowalski, Secretary, at 7:00 p.m.

SAB members in attendance:

Dana Tucci
Shawn Kraemer
Maggie Woodward
Kerri DiPietro
Nick Fiorentino
Brian DiLuigi

Sports representatives in attendance:

Baseball - Sam Scimeca
Cheerleading - Kristle Christo and Natalie Beury
Field Hockey - Amanda Phillips
Football - Mark Colligan
Rugby - Kevin Collins
Soccer - Mike Makofka, Al Crosby and Roger McLarnon
Softball - Jim Mazzeo, Heather Hartley and Gina Squilla
Track and Field - Jimmy Gaskin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Dana Tucci moved to approve the Minutes of the November 3, 2021 Meeting. Nick Fiorentino seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

REORGANIZATION OF SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD:

President – Dana Tucci
Vice-President – Shawn Kraemer
Brian DiLuigi is the newest member to the Board.
All other members remain the same.

Town Council Liaison - Andra Williams

SAB Bylaws Revisions – First Reading
SAB Members' Spouses and/or Partners may not serve as a Board member on any sports board or be a member of any program committee that creates policy, renders decisions or has a vote.

All volunteers must be background checked and approved in accordance with Washington Township policies and procedures.

All increase in registration fee requests must be submitted 3 months prior to the next open registration or else the change will not go into effect until the following year.

The SAB will hold a Work Session prior to every regularly scheduled general meeting, if necessary.

Sports Board Liaisons:
Baseball – Shawn Kraemer
Basketball – Maggie Woodward
Cheerleading – Nick Fiorentino
Field Hockey – Kerri DiPietro
Football – Nick Fiorentino
Lacrosse – Kerri DiPietro
Rugby – Maggie Woodward
Soccer – Dana Tucci
Softball – Chad Vilotti
Track & Field – Brian DiLuigi
Wrestling – Brian DiLuigi

> *Maggie Woodward moved to approve the Sports Board Liaisons for 2022. Nick Fiorentino seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.*

Meeting Dates:
January 26 – Work Session Only
February 2 - Reorganization
March 2
April 6
May 4
June 1
July 6
August 3
September 7
October 5
November 2
December 7

> *Maggie Woodward moved to approve the Meeting Dates for 2022. Nick Fiorentino seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.*

REPORTS OF SPORTS BOARDS:

BASEBALL:

- Registration opened up December 15th and ends on February 28th.
- Sign-ups are going slow. 4, 5 and 6 year olds are strong, others are behind. This is normal though.
- Approval of two new voting Board Members:
  Barry Galasso
  Tom Krupa
- Approval of four new Members at Large:
  Mike Demski
  Steve Costa
  Jeff Kalber
  Melissa Schutter

Shawn Kraemer moved to approve Baseball's two new voting Board Members. Kerri DiPietro seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

Shawn Kraemer moved to approve Baseball's four new Members at Large. Nick Fiorentino seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

BASKETBALL: No one present. Maria Giangiulio sent Maggie a text with an update.

- Season is in full swing.
- Picture weekend will take place President's Day weekend and a few days during the following week at Shots By Brian.
- Beef and Beer scheduled for March 12th at the Senior Center.

CHEERLEADING:

- Force is doing very well. They have placed 1st and 2nd in the two competitions they have competed in so far. They have another competition this upcoming weekend.
- Force Level 1 was awarded a Bid to Disney, so Cheer is having a few fundraisers to try to raise money to go. If not, they will be looking into another away competition.
- The Rec competition teams, 75s, 90s, 105s and the 120/UL, all placed 1st at least once. The 120/UL team placed 1st twice. Their season ended December 5th.
- Hurffville School is working out with practice space and having a pod there for their mats.
- Approval of three Fundraiser Requests:
  Dine & Donate at Pat's Select
  Virtual Popcorn Shop
  Dine & Donate at PJ Whelihans

Kerri DiPietro moved to approve Cheerleading's three Fundraiser Requests. Nick Fiorentino seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

FOOTBALL:

- Off season.
- 2 teams won the championship: the 105 Team and the Junior High Team.
- Equipment returns are taking place now.
- Sign-ups for the next season will start in April.

LACROSSE: No one present.

- Coaches List submitted for approval.

Maggie Woodward moved to approve Lacrosse's Coaches List, with the exception of Stephanie Ferraro, Jim Weist and Alice Weisshaar, who are pending Megan's Law approval. Kerri DiPietro seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

RUGBY:

- Sign-ups started January 3rd. So far 20 kids have signed up.
- Attended a New Jersey Rugby meeting. They are expanding to 10 teams this year, mostly from North Jersey.
- South Jersey Rugby is trying for a Cherry Hill team.
- Reaching out to PA and Jersey Shore in hopes to have some games with them.
- Would like to have 3 home games this year.
- Moving the start of Flag season back to April. This will start moving us more in line with other Flag programs.

SOCCER:

- Season starts March 5th for all Travel.
- 70 registrants so far for Spring Clinic which will start the end of March.
- Looking at increases for fall registrations.
- Getting ready for the Easter Tournament.
- Would like to change some lights at County House.
- Approval of Fundraiser Request – Annual Soccer Tournament

Kerri DiPietro moved to approve Soccer's Fundraiser Request. Shawn Kraemer seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

SOFTBALL:

- Registration opened up December 15th.
- Only 6U are getting visors, other teams are getting socks.

- Coaches will now be selected before tryouts.
- Discussion about Wildcats Team:
  Why doesn't the 18U Wildcats Team have any Township girls on the team? They are all out of towners. Bylaws state this team must have at least 3 Township girls.
  The younger 18U Wildcats Team has all Township girls.
  Our facilities are top notch for Softball. Should we bring in better coaches? Paid Coaches?
  Since the older 18U Wildcats team are all out of towners, should they be charged more money or should we just disband this team?
- Recommendations from the SAB:
  Softball needs to start working on their intramural teams more and the Comets and Titans.
  Coaches Clinics should be held - we need to get younger kids practicing in the barn before season starts.
  Our girls need to have better uniforms
- Apparently there is another softball team being run out of Washington Township called the WT Rebels. Breia Renner is starting up this new team. They will be taking our girls now.
- Bylaws Revisions – First Reading
  Softball wants to take out "any person seeking a position on the Softball Advisory Board shall not be a board member or coach in any capacity with any outside softball organization". The SAB recommends leaving that in the Bylaws.
- Approval of two new Board Members:
  Chris Bourquin
  Gina Squilla
- Approval of Fundraiser Request – Giambri Chocolates
  SAB asking what improvements will be made with this money?
  Field maintenance, Opening Day, fence improvements
- Parks and Rec is getting bids to redo 5 and 8 fencing and back stops.

Nick Fiorentino moved to approve Softball's new Board Members, with the exception of Gina Squilla, who is pending Megan's Law approval. Brian DiLuigi seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

Shawn Kraemer moved to approve Softball's Fundraiser Request. Maggie Woodward seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

TRACK AND FIELD:

- Registration opened up.
- Met with Kevin Murphy to iron out the schedule.
- March 14th the season opens up.
- We have 6 home meets scheduled. We will be using the Snack Bar as well.
- Coaches List will be submitted.
- Will meet with Lisa to do the 5K Scholarship.

WRESTLING: No one present.

CHALLENGER DIVISION: No one present.

- Basketball season canceled due to the COVID.

FIELD HOCKEY:

- Off season, nothing to report.

CODE OF CONDUCT COMMITTEE: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Shawn Kraemer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Kerri DiPietro seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

CLOSED SESSION: Field Hockey
Soccer

NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 2, 2022