WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION
SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING: MARCH 1, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Dana Tucci, President, at 7:00 p.m.

SAB members in attendance:

Dana Tucci
Maggie Woodward
Kerri DiPietro
Brian DiLuigi
Jimmy Gaskin
Council President Anthony DellaPia

Sports representatives in attendance:

Cheerleading - Kristle Christo and Jen Reis
Field Hockey - Shannon Mignone and Kelley Karp
Football - Mark Colligan
Lacrosse - Brian Laudenslager
Rugby - Kevin Collins
Soccer - Mike Makofka and Al Crosby
Softball - Chris Bourquin and Gina Squilla
Tennis - Sydney Cella

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Brian DiLuigi moved to approve the Minutes of the January 4, 2023 Meeting. Maggie Woodward seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

REPORTS OF SPORTS BOARDS:

BASEBALL: No one present. Sam sent Denise a text message with an update.

- For Information Only:
  Five Fundraiser Requests:
  1. Social on March 18th
  2. Phillies Season Ticket Raffle
  3. Golf Outing on September 18th

4. Memorial Day Tournament
5. July Summer Slam Tournament

were approved, via email, on February 2, 2023.

- Sign-ups ended yesterday, February 28th.
- All sign-ups moving forward will have a $10.00 late fee and will be placed if needed.
- There are about 820 kids right now, including travel.
- Opening Day is April 1st.
- Will have a bounce house and a DJ, give hot dogs to every player and will ask the Fire Department to have a ladder truck there for the kids.
- Baseball Social will be at the Senior Center on March 18th.
- SAB had discussion about indoor facility.
- Travel Coaches List submitted for approval – all Megan's Law certified.

Maggie Woodward moved to approve Baseball's Travel Coaches List. Kerri DiPietro seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

BASKETBALL: No one present. Maria sent Denise an email with an update.

- For Information Only:
  1. Intramural Coaches List was approved, via email, on January 9, 2023 – all Megan's Law certified;
  2. New Board Member, Colleen DiLuigi – Member at Large, was approved, via email, on February 2, 2023;
  3. Fundraiser Request – Picture Weekend done by Photo Vision was approved, vie email, on February 6, 2023.
- The season is wrapping up and should be done next week.
- Trophies were picked up today.
- Tonight is the start of Championship games and All Star games for two of the leagues.
- Updated list of technicals and suspensions sent in.

CHEERLEADING:

- Off season.
- Registration will open up April 1st for the 2023 season.
- Bylaws Revisions – First Reading
  2 minor changes:
  1. Change "will" to "may" offer performance rec team
     (did not offer one in 2022, most likely not in 2023 either)
  2. Change to "week of" for Saturday competitions
     (no absences permitted week of competition)
- Approval of Board Members:
  Kristle Christo – reelected as President
  Diane Friedel-Levin – reelected as Secretary

John Southard – new Football Liaison
All Megan's Law certified

Maggie Woodward moved to approve Cheerleading's Board Members. Brian DiLuigi seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

FIELD HOCKEY:

- No update – off season.
- Closed Session.

FOOTBALL:

- For Information Only:
  Fundraiser Request – Corn Hole Tournament was approved, via email, on February 2, 2023.
- Off season.
- Registration will open up April 1st for 2023 season.
- Would like to increase registration fee from $150.00 to $200.00 per child. Will supply the basis for the increase request. This change will not take effect until the 2024 season.
- The Corn Hole Tournament is May 20th, one day.
- Looking into having a Junior Division – 12 and up.
- Approval of Fundraiser Request – Annual Football Raffle.

Kerri DiPietro moved to approve Football's Fundraiser Request. Jimmy Gaskin seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

LACROSSE:

- For Information Only:
  Coaches List was approved, via email, on February 2, 2023 – all Megan's Law certified.
- There are 237 kids registered, 20 to 30 more than last year.
- There are 6 teams for girls and 5 teams for boys.
- Games start next weekend, March 11th, for the older age groups.
- Everyone else starts March 25th.

RUGBY:

- For Information Only:
  New Board Members:
  Michael Harbora – Field/Equipment Manager
  Patricia Harris – Fundraiser Coordinator
  were approved, via email, on February 2, 2023

- Registration closes on March 10th.
- Late registration will be taken, with a $10.00 late fee, from March 13th through the 24th.
- There are approximately 50 kids signed up so far for U12, U14 and U16. Flag kids as well.
- Five New Jersey teams for U12 and U14.
- They will have 2 away games, 2 home games and 1 bye.
- Trying to set something up with the Delaware teams on the bye week.
- Will also have an end of year tournament.
- U16 with games at Union vs. Xavier; at Home vs. Bridgewater and Morris is to be determined still.
- Talking about games with St. Augustine and St. John.
- Construction starting on shed tomorrow.
- Rugby will now be in Closed Session in August.

SOCCER:

- For Information Only:
  1. New Board Member, Roger McLarnon – President, was approved, via email, on February 2, 2023
  2. Improvement Request to replace the lights on Field 5 at County House was approved, via email, on February 2, 2023
  3. Fundraiser Request – Easter Tournament was approved, via email, on February 2, 2023
- Spring Clinic registration is open.
- This will run from March 19th through April 30th on Sundays.
- So far we have 94 kids registered for the Clinic. We will leave registration open until the week it starts.
- All Travel teams have been registered for Travel Leagues SJSL, SJGSL and EDP.
- Travel season starts this weekend, March 4th.
- Easter Tournament is April 7th and 8th.
- So far we have 100 teams registered, will most likely have close to 200 teams.
- Mike Lentz resigned from his position as Girls Intramural Director. We are currently recruiting for this position.
- Al Crosby will be stepping away from the Treasurer position in the next couple of months. We are currently recruiting for this position as well. Bob Gallagher, who is our Member at Large, may be interested in taking this position.
- Matt Kozej has resigned.
- The Fields Coordinator and Fundraiser Coordinator positions will also be opening up.
- Bylaws Revisions – Second Reading – need more revisions.
- Closed Session.

SOFTBALL:

- For Information Only:
  Fundraiser Request – Spirit Wear was approved, via email, on January 11, 2023.
- Registration opened up on December 15th and ended on January 31st.
- Late registration started February 1st with a $10.00 late fee.
- So far there are roughly 400 girls with Intramural and Travel.
- 58% increase in registration this season.
- 10U and 12U are back in house this year, not with GSA.
- 14U has only 1 team in GSA. Currently 14 on the roster, 2 on the waiting list.
- 16U/18U combined with 8 or 9 players. Need more girls for this age group.
- There are 2 more additional travel teams.
- The Softball Barn needs to be cleaned more frequently to have our intramural teams use it on week nights.
- Most likely 2 teams will be using the barn at once.
- SAB suggested that Softball Board members should help clean the barn.
- Public Works installed a french drain around the barn to direct water away.
- Approval of Intramural Head Coaches List
- Approval of two Fundraiser Requests:
  1. Pitching/Catching Clinics for 2023
  2. Opening Day Festival – Spring 2023

Brian DiLuigi moved to approve Softball's Intramural Head Coaches List, with the exception of Anthony Cristelli, who is pending Megan's Law. Kerri DiPietro seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

Kerri DiPietro moved to approve Softball's Fundraiser Request for Pithing/Catching Clinics. Brian DiLuigi seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

Maggie Woodward moved to approve Softball's Fundraiser Request for Opening Day. Jimmy Gaskin seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

TENNIS:

- For Information Only:
  1. New Board Members:
     Sydney Cella – President
     Karen Cella – Vice President
     Brian Rehn – Court Manager
     Kathryn Cucinotta – Equipment Manager
     Thomas Baldosaro - Treasurer
     were approved, via email, on February 2, 2023
  2 Bylaws Revisions – Second Reading were approved, via email, on February 6, 2023.
  3 Registration fee was approved, via email, on February 13, 2023

- Registration opened up February 15th and will close on March 17th.
- Late registration will begin March 20th through the 31st with a $10.00 late fee.
- Will use last 2 tennis courts at Washington Lake Park.
- Trying for high school courts too.
- Still working on getting coaches.

TRACK AND FIELD: No one present. Ron sent Denise an email with an update.

- Registration closes this Friday, March 3rd.
- Getting ready to start season on March 13th.
- Coaches List submitted for approval.

Jimmy Gaskin moved to approve Track & Field's Coaches List, with the exception of Andrew Clark, who is pending Megan's Law. Maggie Woodward seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

WRESTLING: No one present. Joe sent Denise an email with an update.

- We finished our regular season.
- The program is healthy, with approximately 125 wrestlers in grades K-8.
- Financially the program is doing well.
- The Jimmie Fisler Tournament raised a significant amount of money. The Board will be discussing how to appropriate the funds at our meeting next week.
- End of the year banquet is April 1st at Scarpinato's.
- Practices will continue to be held for kids competing in off season events.

CHALLENGER DIVISION: No one present.

CODE OF CONDUCT COMMITTEE: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Maggie Woodward moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Kerri DiPietro seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

CLOSED SESSION: Field Hockey
Soccer

NEXT MEETING IS APRIL 5, 2023