WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION
SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING: MAY 3, 2023

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

SAB members in attendance:

Dana Tucci
Shawn Kraemer
Chad Vilotti
Kerri DiPietro
Brian DiLuigi
Jimmy Gaskin
Lisa Collins

Sports representatives in attendance:

Basketball - Maria Giangiulio
Cheerleading - Kristle Christo
Field Hockey - Shannon Mignone
Football - Mark Colligan
Lacrosse - Brian Laudenslager
Soccer - Roger McLarnon
Softball - Chris Bourquin
Tennis - Tom Baldosaro
Track & Field - Charlie Olivo

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Shawn Kraemer moved to approve the Minutes of the April 5, 2023 Meeting. Kerri DiPietro seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

REPORTS OF SPORTS BOARDS:

TRACK & FIELD:

- Midway through season, all going well.
- There are 4 meets remaining.
- Approval of new Board Member, Owen Mullin – Business Coordinator.

Brian DiLuigi moved to approve Track & Field's new Board Member. Jimmy Gaskin seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

SOFTBALL:

- Opening Day was a huge success. There were many vendors, a moon bounce for the kids and great music.
- Only $100.00 was spent from the Booster Club for Opening Day's events.
- We are now 2 weeks into the season, going well so far.
- 6U is back using the fields at Hurffville. That leaves availability for the other fields.
- There was a complaint about the new coaches canceling games too soon because of weather.
- Finally were able to obtain umpires for this season, very difficult getting them.
- Intramural Assistant Coach Kylie Walker, who is now Megan's Law certified, submitted for approval.
- Two Fundraiser Requests, Wildcats' Father's Day Tournament and Dine & Donate, submitted for approval.

Kerri DiPietro moved to approve Softball's Intramural Assistant Coach Kylie Walker. Lisa Collins seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

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

BASEBALL: No one present.

BASKETBALL:

- Off season.
- The MBM Fundraiser raised $1,700.00 and the Picture Fundraiser raised $2,400.00.
- Jim Hinkel resigned from the Boys Director position.
- Rent for storage unit went up.
- Steve Clark, the Referee Assignor, wants to increase his fee 8% from every referee from every game. This was tabled last year, never voted on.
- Steve Clark is a non-voting member on the Basketball Board.
- The SAB is questioning why Steve Clark gets paid to be the referee assignor, no other referee assignor gets paid. This is a volunteer position.
- The Gym Scheduler gets paid because this is not a Board position.
- Basketball's Closed Session will be moved to the October meeting.

CHEERLEADING:

- For Information Only:
  Bylaws Revisions and Parent Handbook were approved, via email, on April 19, 2023.

- Registration is ongoing. There are 136 girls so far.
- Since there are more girls this year, we will have to reformulate how to build the squads.
- Any word on using the building on Fish Pond Road?

FIELD HOCKEY:

- Summer Field Hockey Clinic will be 3 Mondays in June – June 5th, 12th and 19th.
- Fall Registration will open up on May 10th.

FOOTBALL:

- Registration is ongoing.
- Corn Hole Tournament Fundraiser is May 20th at the Football Complex.
- Getting complex ready for the season.
- Bylaws Revisions – Second Reading
  1. Adding Dissoulution Clause to support IRS 501c3 requirements
  2. Removal of the residency requirement for coaches
  3. Removal of in-person sign ups at the complex
  4. Bringing back Assistant Treasurer position as a non-voting member
  5. Adding section to protect coaches from parents
- SAB has suggested the Board Members' section should list job description for each member.
- SAB has also suggested that board attendance and residency should be changed from 50% to 75%.
- Changes should be made and then the SAB can approve them at the June meeting.
- Closed Session.

LACROSSE:

- Season is wrapping up.
- Boys 7/8 and 5/6 are in the playoffs.
- Coaches/parents asking for field usage all year round. They are asking to have nets around town just to practice at leisure.
- Request to use Field 2 at Washington Lake Park for a Clinic in June – June 15th, 22nd and 29th.
- Inquiring about AED machines at all fields.

RUGBY: No one present

SOCCER:

- Requesting to switch vendors who maintain the fields at County House. The past vendor has been maintaining it and treating it, but more like a lawn than a sports field.

- Would like to contract with South Jersey Turf Consultants, as they are a contracted vendor through the Camden County Co-op Program, which Washington Township is a member of.
- Easter Tournament went very well. There were 191 teams.
- A great big Thank You to Mike Makofka and Gina Heil, who ran the Tournament. Also a Thank You to Public Works who helped out with the fields.
- Inquiring about AED machines at all fields.
- Three to four At Large Members will be up soon.
- Registration has opened for Fall Soccer – Clinic, Intramural, Travel and United.
- 2006 United Team in Finals in July in Florida. The Soccer Board would like to donate $10,000.00 to this team to help with expenses. However, that is not allowed. Fundraising money goes to the whole program, not allowed to go to one specific team.
- Approval of two new Board Members:
  Christopher Brocco – Fundraiser Director
  Jami McGraw – Fields Representative

Brian DiLuigi moved to approve Soccer's two new Board Members. Jimmy Gaskin seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

TENNIS:

- Practices going well.
- Matches will start at the end of the month for the older kids.
- The younger kids will be in clinics.
- End of season event with USTA will take place on June 24th, at the high school tennis courts, from 9:00 to noon.
- Approval of additional Coaches – Genevieve Zane, David Zane, Hieu Nguyen and Edward Kuszmaul.

Lisa Collins moved to approve Tennis' additional Coaches. Kerri DiPietro seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

WRESTLING: No one present.

CHALLENGER DIVISION: No one present.

CODE OF CONDUCT COMMITTEE: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Shawn Kraemer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Lisa Collins seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

CLOSED SESSION: Football

NEXT MEETING IS JUNE 7, 2023