WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION
SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING: SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Dana Tucci, President, at 6:56 p.m.

SAB members in attendance:

Dana Tucci
Shawn Kraemer
Chad Vilotti
Kerri DiPietro
Brian DiLuigi
Jimmy Gaskin
Lisa Collins
Council President Anthony DellaPia

Sports representatives in attendance:

Baseball - Sam Scimeca
Basketball - Maria Giangiulio
Cheerleading - Kelley Gonzalez
Field Hockey - Lorena Iacobone
Football - Mark Colligan and Bob Schleicher
Lacrosse - Brian Laudenslager
Rugby - Kevin Collins
Soccer - Roger McLarnon
Softball - Chris Bourquin
Track & Field - Ron Paglia
Wrestling - Frank Albright

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Shawn Kraemer moved to approve the Minutes of the August 2, 2023 Meeting. Kerri DiPietro seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

REPORTS OF SPORTS BOARDS:

BASEBALL:

- Fall Ball is starting. First game is this weekend.
- Golf outing is September 18th at Westwood.

BASKETBALL:

- Registration opened up August 7th and will close October 31st.
- Late registration will be November 1st through December 31st.
- 250 kids registered so far.
- Opening up registration to Gloucester Township only for the older girls because they do not have a program. And maybe this will help us get the older girls to play again.
- Boys' Travel Tryouts will be held at Chestnut Ridge.
- Girls' Travel Tryouts will be held at Orchard Valley.
- Would like to increase the late fee for registration. However, it is $10.00 across the board for all sports. Cannot just raise it for one sport.
- Fees for Referees and Gym Assignor need to be discussed by the SAB.
- Purchasing a shed was approved at the November 9, 2022 meeting. Three quotes have been submitted. Would like to go with Shed Liquidators. Placement of the shed needs to be discussed with Ernie, the Public Works Director, and Joe, the Business Administrator.
- Approval of Board Members:
  Maria Giangiulio – Commissioner
  Paul Smith – Vice Commissioner
  Stephanie Chambers – Secretary
  Matthew McKenna – Treasurer
  April Haruch – Girls Intramural Director
  Jason Mitchell – Boys 13-18 Intramural Director
  Ashley Mack – Girls Travel Director
- Bylaws Revisions – First Reading
  Many changes. Need to see Code of Conduct mentioned for Travel. This should be an Addendum to the Bylaws.

Brian DiLuigi moved to approve Basketball's Board Members. Chad Vilotti seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

CHEERLEADING:

- Sideline cheer practices ended August 23rd, with a well-attended Cheer Showcase.
- Competition practices begin next week.
- We will be attending three local competitions in November.
- Cheerleading needs a home. Cannot afford to purchase new mats because of all the extra uniforms needed due to rising registration and having pushback from the schools to use their gym mats.
- Coaches List submitted for approval – all Megan's Law certified.
- Team Parents List submitted for approval, with the exception of two moms.
- Four Fundraiser Requests submitted for approval:
  1. Dine and Donate at Applebees on September 21, 2023
  2. Dine and Donate at What's the Scoop on September 23, 2023

3. Dine and Donate at PJ's on October 18, 2023
4. October Breast Cancer Awareness Basket Raffle

- Approval of new Board Members:
  Amanda Phillips – Equipment Coordinator
  Heather Finn – Assistant Equipment Coordinator

Kerri DiPietro moved to approve Cheerleading's Coaches List. Jimmy Gaskin seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

Lisa Collins moved to approve Cheerleading's Team Parents List, with the exception of Erika DePlacido and Liz Lapolomento, who are pending Megan's Law. Kerri DiPietro seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

Lisa Collins moved to approve Cheerleading's four Fundraiser Requests. Chad Vilotti seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

Lisa Collins moved to approve Cheerleading's Board Members. Shawn Kraemer seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

FIELD HOCKEY:

- Practices have started.
- Games start this weekend.
- Question about A & B Teams.
- Coaches List submitted for approval – all Megan's Law certified.

Brian DiLuigi moved to approve Field Hockey's Coaches List. Shawn Kraemer seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

FOOTBALL:

- The season has begun. Roughly 270 kids in the program.
- Fall Corn Hole League will start September 18th.
- Vet Cup was held August 26th and it was a huge success.
- Golf Outing was held August 26th also and it was a huge success.
- Washington Township is hosting the league championships for the SJI the weekend after Thanksgiving. We will be using both the back turf and the stadium fields at the high school. Requests have already been made.
- Coaches List submitted for approval, with the exception of one coach.
- Fundraiser Request – Beef and Beer submitted for approval.
  November 4th is the scheduled date for this Beef and Beer, but most likely will have to be changed. Looking at October 28th.
- Bylaws Revisions – Second Reading
  1. Adding Dissolution 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

Jimmy Gaskin moved to approve Football's Coaches List, with the exception of Gavin Kennedy, who is pending Megan's Law. Shawn Kraemer seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

Shawn Kraemer moved to approve Football's Fundraiser Request. Brian DiLuigi seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

Brian DiLuigi moved to approve Football's Bylaws Revisions. Kerri DiPietro seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

LACROSSE:

- Off season.
- Trying to set up a date in November with the high school Lacrosse coach for a clinic.

RUGBY:

- Off season.
- Looking at Rowan to get kids to help coach.
- Trying to have an all-girls team next spring.

SOCCER:

- For Information Only:
  Fundraiser Request – Chocolate Covered Pretzel Sale was approved, via email, on August 15, 2023.
- Season starts September 9th.
- Got LED lights at the County House complex.
- Girls' Travel Coaches List submitted for approval – all Megan's Law certified.
- Boys' Travel Coaches List submitted for approval, with the exception of one coach.
- Boys' Intramural Coaches List submitted for approval, with the exception of two coaches.

Jimmy Gaskin moved to approve Soccer's Girls' Travel Coaches List. Shawn Kraemer seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

Shawn Kraemer moved to approve Soccer's Boys' Travel Coaches List, with the exception of Matthew Petitt, who is pending Megan's Law. Kerri DiPietro seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

Lisa Collins moved to approve Soccer's Boys' Intramural Coaches List, with the exception of Christopher Rodia and Michael Gillespie, who are pending Megan's Law. Brian DiLuigi seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

SOFTBALL:

- Fall Ball has started.
- 25% more kids over last year.
- Enrolled in GSA again.
- Uniforms have been ordered.
- Games start this week.
- Treasurer was voted out, there is an Interim Treasurer.
- Board Meeting next week, will vote in a new Treasurer.
- Travel Coaches List submitted for approval – all Megan's Law certified.
- Fall Ball Coaches List submitted for approval – all Megan's Law certified.

Lisa Collins moved to approve Softball's Travel Coaches List. Brian DiLuigi seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

Shawn Kraemer moved to approve Softball's Fall Ball Coaches List. Lisa Collins seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

TENNIS: No one present.

- We are now trying to recruit someone to head our Tennis program.
- RC Goetter, who runs our summer tennis camps, is interested. SAB suggested he send in his Resume and come to the October meeting.

TRACK & FIELD:

- For Information Only:
  Two new Board Members:
  Jami McGraw – Assistant Commissioner
  Evan Fjellin – Meet Coordinator
  were approved, via email, on August 21, 2023.
- Cross Country's first meet is this Saturday, September 9th.
- Meets are every Saturday all through October.
- Closed Session.

WRESTLING:

- Off season.
- Registration will open up October 1st.
- Redoing bathrooms at the CAC building.
- Closed Session.

CHALLENGER DIVISION: No one present.

CODE OF CONDUCT COMMITTEE: None.

NEW BUSINESS: SAB meetings will go back to the first Wednesday of every month.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

CLOSED SESSION: Track & Field
Wrestling

NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023