WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION
SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING: APRIL 3, 2024

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

SAB members in attendance:

Dana Tucci
Jimmy Gaskin
Mike Makofka
Dan Woodington
Council Vice-President Anthony DellaPia

Sports representatives in attendance:

Baseball - Sam Scimeca
Basketball - Maria Giangiulio
Cheerleading - Kristle Christo
Field Hockey - Cassie Tomczak
Football - Christian Dandridge
Lacrosse - Neil Weisshaar
Rugby - Ray McFall
Soccer - Roger McLarnon
Softball - Chris Bourquin
Tennis - Jeff Christo
Track & Field - Ron Paglia
Wrestling - Frank Albright, Maureen Fanelle and Anthony Fanelle
Ronald Williams - Challenger and Special Olympics

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Dan Woodington moved to approve the Minutes of the March 6, 2024 Meeting. Jimmy Gaskin seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

REPORTS OF SPORTS BOARDS:

BASEBALL:

- For Information Only:
  Nine Intramural Coaches - Steve Cucinotta, Scott Oberg, Deric Adams, Brian Walker, Pasquale Cardullo, John Anastasia, Derek Gould, Kevin Madgey and

Joseph Aguila - who are now Megan's Law certified, were approved, via email, on March 14, 2024

- Social at Scarpinato's on March 23rd went well.
- Opening Day is this Saturday, April 6th.

BASKETBALL:

- Off season.
- At our April board meeting, we will discuss updating the Bylaws and what board member is coming up on their term.
- Working on a girls' summer league.
- A coach for the 5th/6th grade boys is trying to have some pick-up games at the park this summer.

CHEERLEADING:

- Registration opened up on April 1st online and in person at Parks & Rec.
- There are 50 girls signed up so far.
- Registration signs were approved to be up around town from April 1st through May 30th.
- Mandatory equipment meetings are scheduled for June 5th and June 11th at the Senior Center. Must attend one to participate.
- Bylaws Revisions – Second Reading
  Changes for this year:
  1. Terms for Board Members

Jimmy Gaskin moved to approve Cheerleading's Bylaws Revisions. Mike Makofka seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

FIELD HOCKEY:

- Getting ready to put out information about registration.
- A parent meeting will be held prior to the season starting.
- Having a Summer Clinic in June. This Summer Clinic Flyer needs to be sent to the schools so it goes out in the e-backpacks.
- Who is in charge of the Youth Field Hockey website?
  Field Hockey
- When will there be another Rutgers Clinic?
  In the fall
- Bylaws Revisions – Second Reading
  Lots of changes

Mike Makofka moved to approve Field Hockey's Bylaws Revisions. Jimmy Gaskin seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

FOOTBALL:

- We are off season.
- Registration will open up April 1st.
- Bill and Karen Fitzgerald purchased/donated an outdoor case to house the AED we were awarded in 2023. It will be placed at the football complex in a secure accessible location.
- Discussing AED training.
- Approval of Fundraiser Request – Corn Hole Tournament
- Approval of new Board Member:
  Julie Greene – Assistant Apparel Coordinator
  Megan's Law certified
- Bylaws Revisions – Second Reading
  Changes for this year are:
  1. Update weight classes
  2. Add SAB Liaison
  3. Clarify each board member's responsibilities

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

Jimmy Gaskin moved to approve Football's new Board Member. Dan Woodington seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

Mike Makofka moved to approve Football's Bylaws Revisions. Jimmy Gaskin seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

LACROSSE:

- Season is entering week 3 of games after Easter break, only a couple canceled due to the rain. Going good so far.
- Girls' 8U team and Boys 1st/2nd grade team start their games this weekend, April 6th.
- Older teams already had a few games.
- Parent on 7th/8th grade boys' team attended the Lacrosse Board Meeting on March 19th and questioned playing time. She was still unhappy with the Board's decision and stated she would be attending the April SAB meeting. However, she never showed up tonight.
- Approval of Fundraiser Request – Dine & Donate at PJ's

Mike Makofka moved to approve Lacrosse's Fundraiser Request. Jimmy Gaskin seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

RUGBY:

- The high school aged team had 2 games so far and are 1-1. They play St. Joe's this weekend.
- The younger teams will be playing their first games this weekend, on April 7th, at our home field.
- Approval of two Fundraiser Requests:
  1. Corn Hole Tournament
  2. Chick Fil-A Nugget Tray and Cookie Sale

Dan Woodington moved to approve Rugby's Fundraiser Request – Corn Hole Tournament. Jimmy Gaskin seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

Jimmy Gaskin moved to approve Rugby's Fundraiser Request – Chick Fil-A Nugget Tray and Cookie Sale. Mike Makofka seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

SOCCER:

- The 21st annual Easter Tournament concluded Saturday, March 30th, despite the weather earlier in the week.
- 174 teams participated and awards were given out to first and second place finishers.
- Fields at Orchard Valley (1), the high school turf (1), the high school 9-10 (6), County House (5), Levy (4) and Washington Lake Park (8) were used.
- Thursday night and Friday early games were subject to being moved around due to field conditions.
- Vendors were at all sites excluding the high school turf and Orchard Valley.
- Very few incidents occurred.
- A team from Canada made it down and won their division. Apparently, they enjoyed the tournament so much, they plan on returning next year with more teams.
- No idea on the total numbers yet as expenses were higher, including ref fees, however, we did cut back on fixed costs.
- Due to the weather, the program purchased a portable generator, pump, hose etc. to help drain the fields more quickly.
- The Soccer Program would like to thank Parks and Recreation, Public Works and all others who helped make this a successful event. I want to particularly name Lisa Collins, Brian McCaffery, Nick Fiorentino, Frank Altamuro, the Park Rangers and the SAB Members for their continued support.
- Tryout registration is open for the 2024/2025 seasons for Travel and United.
- Registration closed Monday, April 1st, for intramural (spring) with about 155 signed up and games begin next week.
- Spring Clinic starts as well. There is about 8 sessions scheduled pending on weather.

- Spring Intramural Coaches List submitted for approval – all Megan's Law certified.

Jimmy Gaskin moved to approve Soccer's Spring Intramural Coaches List. Mike Makofka seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

SOFTBALL:

- Opening Day is April 20th.
- 8U and up are working solely in the barn.
- Complaint from one parent about an inexperienced coach.
- It appears the barn's roof is starting to leak. There are little drips starting.
- New dirt was put down at Hurffville School. The field is now very uneven.
- Approval of 2 Head Coaches, Jamie Kennedy and Steve Simpson, who are now Megan's Law certified.
- Intramural Assistant Coaches List submitted for approval – all Megan's Law certified.
- There is a delay with 6U Coaches List. Waiting to start to get more volunteers. Will submit for May meeting.
- Approval of two Fundraiser Requests:
  1. Dine & Donate at Jersey Mikes
  2. Dine & Donate at Texas Roadhouse

Dan Woodington moved to approve Softball's 2 Head Coaches, Jamie Kennedy and Steve Simpson, who are now Megan's Law certified. Jimmy Gaskin seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

Jimmy Gaskin moved to approve Softball's Intramural Assistant Coaches List. Dan Woodington seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

Jimmy Gaskin moved to approve Softball's Fundraiser Request – Dine & Donate at Jersey Mikes. Mike Makofka seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

Dan Woodington moved to approve Softball's Fundraiser Request – Dine & Donate at Texas Roadhouse. Jimmy Gaskin seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

TENNIS:

- Season will begin on April 15th.
- There are 101 players.
- Equipment is starting to come in.
- Two of the younger teams only have 1 coach. Looking for more volunteers.
- Approval of new Board Member:
  RC Goetter – Vice President
  He runs our summer tennis programs.

- Approval of six additional Coaches, all Megan's Law certified:
  Ik Jae Lee, Kevin Leonard, Michelle Bingham, Mallory Heimlich, Brandon Emmons and Rebecca Snodgrass

Dan Woodington moved to approve Tennis' new Board Member. Jimmy Gaskin seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

Dan Woodington moved to approve Tennis' six additional Coaches. Jimmy Gaskin seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

TRACK AND FIELD:

- Season has started.
- First meet is this Saturday, April 6th, at home.
- Additional Bylaws Revision which is a requirement of the League:
  Athletes will conduct all activities, practices and compete in meets by birth year unless the athlete chooses to run up in age. Athletes cannot run down in age.

Jimmy Gaskin moved to approve Track & Field's additional Bylaws Revision. Dan Woodington seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

WRESTLING:

- End of year banquet is next Thursday, April 11th.
- Hosting a Free Style Tournament on Sunday, April 7th.
- Building renovations will be done in the off season.
- The roof is leaking again at the CAC building.
- Bylaws Revisions – Second Reading
  Changes for this year are:
  1. 3 year term limits for board members
  2. 75% board member participation in a calendar year
  3. Procedures for handling tournaments outside SJWL competition
  4. SAB is requesting the following revisions:

Jimmy Gaskin moved to approve Wrestling's Bylaws Revisions. Dan Woodington seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

CHALLENGER DIVISION:

- Basketball season finished up.
- Sign-ups for soccer started April 1st.
- Special Olympics finished up as well.
- Ron and Flo Williams will be retiring after this soccer season. They have been in charge of our Challenger programs for 25 years.
- Hoping someone else takes over these programs. They will help with any transition.

CODE OF CONDUCT COMMITTEE: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Maureen Fanelle and her husband, Anthony Fanelle, came to the meeting with a complaint regarding Wrestling. Maureen read a statement and gave us a copy. Her son, Roman, was excluded from the Washington Township Wrestling Duals team that participated in the Wildwood National Duals held on February 2nd through the 4th. Despite being the starting wrestler for his weight class of 71 pounds, Roman was not included in this program.

OLD BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Mike Makofka moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Jimmy Gaskin seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

CLOSED SESSION: None

NEXT MEETING IS MAY 1, 2024