WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION
SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING: AUGUST 7, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Dana Tucci, President, at 7:02 p.m.

SAB members in attendance:

Dana Tucci
Jimmy Gaskin
Kerri DiPietro
Lisa Collins
Mike Makofka
Dan Woodington

Sports representatives in attendance:

Baseball - Sam Scimeca
Basketball - Paul Smith
Cheer - Diane Freidel
Field Hockey - Candace Mroz and Laura Schneider
Football - Christian Dandridge
Rugby - Kevin Collins and Ray McFall
Soccer - Roger McLarnon and Bob Gallagher
Track & Field - Ron Paglia

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Jimmy Gaskin moved to approve the Minutes of the June 5, 2024 Meeting. Lisa Collins seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

REPORTS OF SPORTS BOARDS:

BASEBALL:

- Off season.
- Fall Ball registration ends August 23rd.
- Fall Ball starts September 7th.

BASKETBALL:

- Opened up registration on July 1st. Very early this year. It will end on October 31st.
- Late registration will be taken November 1st through the 15th. Very strict deadline this year. No late registrations will be taken after November 15th.
- Todd Powers, the high school basketball coach, would like to meet with our Basketball Board to help out with the program.
- Bylaws – Second Reading
  1. Eligible Players
     Leave in "If the player does not attend Washington Township schools, proof of residency may be required".
  2. Practice/Game Scheduling Times
     3a should read "No non-league balls whatsoever will be used as the game ball.

Lisa Collins moved to approve Basketball's Bylaws Revisions. Jimmy Gaskin seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

CHEERLEADING:

- Practices began Monday, August 5th.
- Six squads – 220 cheerleaders.
- Coach's Clinic was held on July 31st by Affinity Cheer All Stars.
- Sideline Cheer Stunt Clinics will be held the weeks of August 12th and 19th by Affinity Cheer All Star coaches.
- Competition Team practices will begin in September, still waiting on school approvals. Only received TJ and Bells back so far.
- We are planning on competing in three local competitions: Wildwood, Erial and Kingsway High School. Registration will be taken in August.
- Spirit wear fundraiser runs through August 18th.
- We are currently selling cheer blankets. Started with 100 and have less than 30 left.
- Flapjack fundraiser on September 15th at Applebee's. Cheerleaders will serve and host. $20.00 per person.
- Cheerleaders will help deliver a Proclamation on September 11th at the town Council Meeting for Childhood Cancer Month.
- Coaches List submitted for approval – all are Megan's Law certified.
- Team Parents List submitted for approval – all are Megan's Law certified.

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

Dan Woodington moved to approve Cheerleading's Team Parents List. Lisa Collins seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

FIELD HOCKEY:

- Registration is closed for grades 3rd – 8th. We are still accepting registration for grades K – 2nd.
- Right now we have
  1 Kindergarten Team
  1 1st Grade Team
  1 2nd Grade Team
  2 3rd/4th Grade Teams
  2 5th/6th Grade Teams
  1 7th/8th Grade Team
- The June Clinic was successful other than a few minor hiccups.
- We did not have any seniors apply for the scholarship this year. Are we allowed to re-allocate those funds to the High School Field Hockey Booster Club? "NO"
- SAB is suggesting that Field Hockey holds onto this money for next season. Either give more money or give out two scholarships.
- Instead of having the stadium turf from 6:30 to 8:30, can we possibly have the turf from 6:00 to 9:00, knowing we may not be able to get on the turf right at 6:00?
- Unfortunately, Kevin Murphy from the high school strictly keeps the start time to 6:30 because of high school sports. However, you can definitely stay until 9:00, so the time will be 6:30 to 9:00.
- Asking for more turf time. The practice turf is open on Saturdays after 5:00.
- Coaches List submitted for approval.
- Fundraiser Request - Stanley Toppers and Custom Township Name Tags.

Kerri DiPietro moved to approve Field Hockey's Coaches List, with the exception of Jenn Reali, who is pending Megan's Law certification. Jimmy Gaskin seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

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

FOOTBALL:

- Season started August 1st.
- Sign-ups will remain open until August 16th.
- VET Cup is September 7th.
- Golf Outing is August 17th at White Oaks Country Club. Still spots for golfers. Sponsor signs still available, $50.00. Email Bob Schleicher if interested.
- Corn Hole League is scheduled for September 9th at the complex and runs through October 28th. All are welcome to come out and play on Monday nights, $120.00 per team.
- WTYFB will be hosting the SJI Championship weekend again this year at the high school complex. All paperwork and requests have been submitted to the BOE.

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

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

LACROSSE: No one present. Brian sent Denise an email with an update.

- Off season.
- Voting on new Board members during our August meeting.

RUGBY:

- Off season.
- Closed Session.

SOCCER:

- New set of full sided goals for Washington Lake Park are scheduled for an August 15th delivery.
- Fall season starts in September, with tournaments in August approaching.
- Still would like to pursue providing parking lot lighting, via Atlantic City Electric, proposal is about $13,000 that the program is interested in a cost share possibly with the Township.
- The Washington Township High School graduation ceremony occurred in June wherein our Soccer Program awarded four scholarships at $1,000 each.
- Dave Heil was named the Washington Township High School Girls' Head Soccer Coach. We now have at least three high school soccer coaches in the program. Congratulations to Dave!
- Getting all coaches approved. Will provide lists to Denise asap.
- To rent indoor/outdoor space at Total Turf will cost $12,000.
- We will be holding a Mite Night on October 19th for the little kids at County House. Will have Police and Fire there.
- The program is very grateful for the Public Works Staff and leadership every season, as well as the Parks & Rec Staff for their work, not only for soccer but for all programs.
- Approval to purchase new timer for Levy field irrigation.
- Approval of new Board Member:
  Laura Gore – new Girls Travel Director
  Resume attached, Megan's Law certified
- Approval for Soccer program to use Washington Township Rotary license to do a Ticket Raffle.
- Washington Township High School has reached out to our Soccer program about contributing to the field enhancement program in place at the high school 9/10 fields. Approval to contribute $15,000 for sod/irrigation at the 9/10 fields.

Jimmy Gaskin moved to approve Soccer's purchase of a new timer for the Levy Field irrigation. Mike Makofka seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

Kerri DiPietro moved to approve Soccer's new Board Member. Mike Makofka seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

Lisa Collins moved to approve Soccer's use of Washington Township Rotary License to do a Ticket Raffle. Jimmy Gaskin seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

Mike Makofka moved to approve Soccer's contribution of $15,000 to Washington Township High School for field enhancement program at the 9/10 fields. Jimmy Gaskin seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

SOFTBALL: No one present. Chris sent in an update to Dana.

- Fall Ball registration is closed.
- Travel tryouts are taking place, but had some cancellations because of bad weather.
- There was no All Star Game for intramural. Why? Thinking about having a medal ceremony.
- Softball Tournament at Washington Lake Park on September 28th.

TENNIS: No one present.

TRACK AND FIELD/CROSS COUNTRY:

- Registration for Cross Country closes August 8th.
- Season starts August 12th.
- Financials will be sent in for closed session next month.
- Cross Country Coaches List submitted for approval.

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

WRESTLING: No one present.

CHALLENGER DIVISION: No one present.

- Ron and Flo Williams, who run our Challenger Sports Programs, are retiring after 25 years. Please ask around if anyone would be interested in taking over our Challenger Sports. They can contact Denise in Parks & Rec for any information.

CODE OF CONDUCT COMMITTEE: Hearing held on July 17, 2023, regarding incident with Softball Coach Gregg Jannetti.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Lisa Collins moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Jimmy Gaskin seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

CLOSED SESSION: Rugby

NEXT MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 4, 2024