WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION
SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING: MARCH 6, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Dana Tucci, President, at 7:01 p.m.

SAB members in attendance:

Dana Tucci
Jimmy Gaskin
Kerri DiPietro
Brian DiLuigi
Lisa Collins
Mike Makofka
Dan Woodington
Council President Anthony DellaPia

Sports representatives in attendance:

Baseball - Sam Scimeca
Basketball - Maria Giangiulio
Cheerleading - Kristle Christo and Heather Finn
Field Hockey - Cassie Tomczak
Football - Christian Dandridge
Lacrosse - Brian Laudenslager
Rugby - Ray McFall
Soccer - Roger McLarnon
Softball - Chris Bourquin
Tennis - Jeff Christo
Wrestling - Frank Albright

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Brian DiLuigi moved to approve the Minutes of the February 21, 2024 Meeting. Jimmy Gaskin seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

REPORTS OF SPORTS BOARDS:

BASEBALL:

- Registration ended on February 29th.
- March 1st started the $10.00 late fee.

- We will surpass 1,000 registrants this year.
- April 6th is Opening Day. Festivities include:
  Bounce house
  DJ
  Police horses
  Fire Department Ladder Truck if available
  Hog dogs for all the kids
  Shortened games for younger players so they get to play at the complex fields
- Discussion about having a clean-up day for coaches and parents.
- Dirt is down for Fields 1 and 3.
- Travel Coaches List submitted for approval – all Megan's Law certified.
- Intramural Coaches List submitted for approval.
- Approval of five Fundraiser Requests:
  1. Social at Scarpinato's on March 23rd
  2. Phillies Raffle April 6th through May 23rd – waiting on State approval, this date might be pushed back
  3. Memorial Day Tournament
  4. Summer Classic Tournament June 27th through the 30th
  5. Golf Outing at Wedgewood Country Club on September 13th

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

Jimmy Gaskin moved to approve Baseball's Intramural Coaches List, with the exception of the following nine coaches, Steve Cucinotta, Scott Oberg, Deric Adams, Brian Walker, Pasquale Cardullo, John Anastasia, Derek Gould, Kevin Madgey, and Joseph Aguila, who are pending Megan's Law certification. Lisa Collins seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

Jimmy Gaskin moved to approve Baseball's Fundraiser Request – Social at Scarpinato's. Dan Woodington seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

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

Lisa Collins moved to approve Baseball's Fundraiser Request – Memorial Day Tournament. Mike Makofka seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

Brian DiLuigi moved to approve Baseball's Fundraiser Request – Summer Classic Tournament. Jimmy Gaskin seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

Brian DiLuigi moved to approve Baseball's Fundraiser Request – Golf Outing. Lisa Collins seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

BASKETBALL:

- Season ends next week.
- Picture weekend was a success. Pictures are being mailed out this week.
- Storage Unit is closed. Everything has been moved to the shed.

CHEERLEADING:

- New board members officially start March 1st.
- Registration set to begin April 1st online and in person.
- We would still really like to have a place to lay our cheer mats August through December that is not a school. This would give us more options for cheer competitions and more practice time on the mats.
- SAB is suggesting that Cheerleading host a competition at the 9/10 gym to generate revenue.
- Closed session moved from April to May because of spring break.
- Bylaws Revisions – First Reading
  SAB is requesting the term for any voting member be put in the Bylaws.
- Approval of 2024 Parent Handbook.

Lisa Collins moved to approve Cheerleading's 2024 Parent Handbook. Kerri DiPietro seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

FIELD HOCKEY:

- Off season.
- Working on finalizing Field Usage Form for June Clinic.
- Rutgers Clinic date was put out to all of the past coaches.
- We are shopping around for uniform pricing.
- Staying with Blue Sombrero for this upcoming season, but will look into Team Snap possibly for the future.
- Looking into purchasing yard signs to advertise registration. Advised they will need a Zoning Permit.
- Approval of Fundraiser Request – Field Hockey Summer Clinic
- Approval of new Board Member:
  Gordon Welsh – Secretary
- Bylaws Revisions – First Reading
  Questions:
  - Wording about inexperienced girls with playing time, worrying they will get hurt; girls who miss too many practices
    SAB is suggesting looking at other sports Bylaws on their wording
  - Section with regard to Winter League
    A few years ago a Winter League used to be run over at Total Turf
    SAB is suggesting to leave this section in if a Winter League ever becomes available

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

Lisa Collins moved to approve Field Hockey's new Board Member. Kerri DiPietro seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

FOOTBALL:

- We are off season.
- Equipment returns were scheduled for March 3rd. This was our last official return. Parents that failed to return equipment will need to make arrangements with their head coach to set up a return.
- Bill and Karen Fitzgerald purchased/donated an outdoor case to house the AED we were awarded in 2023. Last April, WTYFB applied for a donated AED from the Philadelphia Eagles. I am happy to report we were chosen to receive an AED. Same was delivered the week of December 4th. It will be placed at the football complex for next season in a secure accessible location.
- Football will be replacing Carolyn LeBenski – Apparel Coordinator on the Board with two new members. They will be sent for approval at the April SAB meeting.
- Bylaws Revisions – First Reading
  Changes for this year are:
  1. Update weight classes
  2. Add SAB Liaison

  SAB is requesting that the board responsibilities be elaborated.

LACROSSE:

- Practices for all teams have moved outdoors.
- Looking to move the Boys 1st and 2nd grade team to Hurffville School instead of Bunker Hill.
- Games start March 15th.
- Referee fees and league dues have increased.
- Bylaws Revisions – Second Reading
  SAB is requesting wording in Article XIII, Section A, be changed to "agrees to make every attempt to attend all of the practices and games".

Brian DiLuigi moved to approve Lacrosse's Bylaws Revisions with that noted change. Mike Makofka seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

RUGBY:

- Registration ends on March 8th.
- March 11th will start the $10.00 late fee.
- We held a few practices with the High School age team. They were a great turn out.
- PBS WHYY showed up because we are the only rugby team in South Jersey.

- Games start March 17th.
- Pushing for girls to sign up. We need 3 more for a full team.
- Bylaws Revisions – Second Reading
  No changes

Lisa Collins moved to approve Rugby's Bylaws Revisions. Mike Makofka seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

SOCCER:

- Trying to get games in because of the rain.
- Gearing up for the Easter Tournament scheduled for March 28th through the 30th.
- Approval of new Board Member:
  Steve Wooster – Secretary
- Approval of Fundraiser Request – Easter Tournament

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

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

SOFTBALL:

- Held first two Developmental Clinics of the year last weekend, great turn out. 10 year olds was sold out.
- Pitching Clinics for 10, 12 and 14 year olds this upcoming weekend. They are sold out.
- Drafts are done, teams have been established.
- Only 6U still has to draft, that will be this upcoming weekend.
- Head Coaches List submitted for approval.

Lisa Collins moved to approve Softball's Head Coaches List, with the exception of Jamie Kennedy and Steve Simpson, who are pending Megan's Law certification. Jimmy Gaskin seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

TENNIS:

- Registration ends on March 15th.
- March 18th will start the $10.00 late fee.
- Anticipate adding 2 more board members and more coaches for the April agenda.
- Next steps are determining a meeting day/time for the Board, ordering equipment and booking court times.
- Inquiry for availability of port-o-potties at the high school and the park.

- There are some where soccer plays. Also, there are 2 bathrooms behind Parking Lot C.
- Approval of Board Members:
  Jeff Christo – President
  Kate Cucinotta – Equipment Manager
  Kelley Gonzalez – Treasurer
- Coaches List submitted for approval.

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

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

TRACK AND FIELD:

- Registration is closed.
- We finished with 285 kids.
- There was a Coaches Meeting this past Monday, March 4th.
- Practices start March 11th.
- Bylaws Revisions – Second Reading
  Five changes

Brian DiLuigi moved to approve Track & Field's Bylaws Revisions. Lisa Collins seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

WRESTLING:

- Youth States is this weekend, we have 32 kids attending.
- Planning the end of the year banquet for April 11th.
- Looking into hosting another event in the spring, International Style event.
- Still looking into having a spring season with USA Wrestling, would like to go beyond the winter season.
- Bylaws Revisions – Second Reading
  SAB is requesting the following revisions:
  - Board members must attend 75% of meetings;
  - Dual Team/Tournament Team follow the rules of each Tournament;
  - What kid goes is up to the Coach's discretion;
  - Terms under Board Members, 2 or 3 years

  Will vote on these at the April Meeting

CHALLENGER DIVISION: No one present.

CODE OF CONDUCT COMMITTEE: Code of Conduct Hearing was held on February 26th involving a coach from basketball.

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

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

CLOSED SESSION: None

NEXT MEETING IS APRIL 3, 2024