WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION
SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING: APRIL 2, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Brian DiLuigi, Vice-President, at 7:00 p.m.

SAB members in attendance:

Brian DiLuigi
Lisa Collins
Mike Makofka
Dan Woodington
Brian McCaffery

Sports representatives in attendance:

Baseball - Sam Scimeca
Cheerleading - Kristle Christo, Heather Finn and Meghan Robertson
Field Hockey - Laura Schneider
Lacrosse - Jeff DiBiaso
Soccer - Roger McLarnon
Softball - Chris Bourquin
Tennis - Jeff Christo
Wrestling - Frank Albright

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Lisa Collins moved to approve the Minutes from the March 5, 2025 Meeting. Dan Woodington seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

REPORTS OF SPORTS BOARDS:

BASEBALL:

- Opening Day is this Saturday, April 5th.
- Intramural Coaches List submitted for approval – all are Megan's Law certified.

Dan Woodington moved to approve Baseball's Intramural Coaches List. Lisa Collins seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

BASKETBALL: No one present. Maria sent Denise an email with an update.

- Off season.
- Steve Clark announced his retirement from Referee Assignor after 30+ years.
- Basketball is now looking into bringing an outside company in, who does other towns like Mt. Laurel, who will assign officials who are certified. This will eliminate Steve's board position.
- The following board positions are coming up on their term:
  Commissioner
  Vice Commissioner
  Treasurer
  Secretary
  Girls Travel Director
  Girls Rec
  Board Advisor

CHEERLEADING:

- The Jr. High team competed March 29th, in Atlantic City, at the Spirit Brands "The Grands" Championship. All Grand Champions throughout the year were invited to compete, and they took home 1st place in their division, beating Brandywine Youth Club and Sportset Cheer, two teams we have never gone against.
- A THANK YOU to the Mayor, Town Council Members and Dr. Hibbs for helping us find a practice space in this extended season, and also to Nick and the Park Rangers for moving our mats around for us.
- Cheerleading still really needs a permanent home as school blackout dates and having to unroll and roll mats every night continues to hurt our progress every season. We have been in contact with the Town Council and Dr. Hibbs to help.
- Finalizing new uniform design for the 2025 season. Comps sent to Gianna in March.
- Registration has begun for the 2025 season.
- We already have 100 kids signed up.
- We are estimating that we will be able to purchase 250 new uniforms, so registration will need to shut down once we hit that number.
- We have two equipment meetings set up. It is mandatory that all cheerleaders and one parent attend one of the equipment meetings to be sized for uniforms and to purchase additional equipment.
- Approval of 2025 Parent Handbook.

Lisa Collins moved to approve Cheerleading's 2025 Parent Handbook. Mike Makofka seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

FIELD HOCKEY:

- Getting ready for the Summer Camp in June. High school girls come out to help.
- This is geared to kindergarten and younger.
- Will start registration in May for the 2025 season.

FOOTBALL: No one present. Mark emailed Denise his monthly report.

- We are in the off season.
- Work is being done to the complex fields.
- Registration for the 2025 season opened up on April 1st.
- Additional Fundraising Requests will be submitted at a later date.
- Approval of Fundraiser Request – Annual Football Raffle
- Bylaws Revisions – First Reading

Dan Woodington moved to approve Football's Fundraiser Request. Lisa Collins seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

LACROSSE:

- We are 1/3 into the season.
- 1st and 2nd graders started a little later, they started last week.
- 11 teams in SJ League. Majority are A teams, some are B and C.
- The Scoopers Program, 4 year olds to Kindergarten, we have over 60 kids.
- We received a Grant from USA Lacrosse and got 50 new sticks for the little ones.
- April 24th is Senior Day. We are trying to connect the high school girls with our little girls.
- Girls Tournament at the high school on May 18th.
- Registration increase is definitely helping out with expenses.
- Approval of Coach Mitchell Traxler, who is now Megan's Law certified.

Lisa Collins moved to approve Lacrosse's Coach Mitchell Traxler. Dan Woodington seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

RUGBY: No one present. Kevin emailed Denise his monthly report.

- The season is in full swing.
- We have a full girls' team for the first time.
- We have a full roster of games for most teams. There are a few holes in the schedule which we are still working to fill.
- Uniforms were received with no issues.
- Senior gifts have been ordered for our senior players.
- Top soil for the field needs to be ordered from Peach Country.
- How to communicate the 7s Down the Shore to the PA teams? Thinking about printing and taking lawn signs to our games in PA.

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

Dan Woodington moved to approve Rugby's Coaches List. Mike Makofka seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

SOCCER:

- For Information Only:
  Request to increase registration fees for the fall season:
  Rec from $85 to $100
  Intramural from $85, $90, $95 to $120
  was approved, via email, on March 26, 2025
- Tryouts have begun for fall 2025/2026 spring season. Some changes in attempts to strengthen teams here, keep talent here. Get United closer with Travel and increase transparency.
- One team has decided to not try out and move to Highland on the girl's side, instead of letting the tryout and ranking process work.
- March 2nd and 3rd were opening days for girls and boys soccer. EDP League games started March 16th. SJSL and SJGSL are half-way through the season already.
- We would like to revisit lighting on Levy Field because it is being used so much. Working with PHI to develop new cost. We would need TWP assistance with tariffs and agreement as Soccer is not the contracting unit.
- Ordered 1 set of 7v7 goals and 1 set of 9v9 goals. Delivered to WLP for County House deployment.
- Easter Tournament is Thursday, April 17th through Saturday, April 19th. Lining up port-a-pots with TWP, EMTs, police, vendors and DPW. Kudos to the Township employees for doing everything that they do to help make this a success. Now let's keep the rain away that week.
- The soccer building at County House had attempts made to break in again by bending back the plate covering the door lock over March 29th weekend.
- Spring Intramural Coaches List submitted for approval – all are Megan's Law certified.

Dan Woodington 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 12th.
- We are one month into practices.
- Intramural Assistant Coaches List submitted for approval.

Lisa Collins moved to approve Softball's Intramural Assistant Coaches List, with the exception of Zakary Skipper, Ali Salkowski and Jason Lundrigan, who are pending Megan's Law certification. Dan Woodington seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

TENNIS:

- Season to begin in two weeks.
- There are 138 players.
- Still trying to get more coaches and board members.
- Will speak with Lisa regarding use of facilities.
- Four additional Coaches submitted for approval:
  Louis Tillery
  Jennefer Russo
  Michael Blake
  Kathleen Gault

Dan Woodington moved to approve Tennis' four additional Coaches. Mike Makofka seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

TRACK AND FIELD: No one present.

WRESTLING:

- Off season.
- Banquet is this Friday, April 4th.
- Pat Higgins, USA Wrestling Club, uses the CAC Building. We let them use the building so our Township kids get to train with them for a discounted rate.
- We need a Certificate of Insurance that names the Township as an additional insured.

CHALLENGER DIVISION: No one present.

CODE OF CONDUCT COMMITTEE:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Each sport should have mandatory parent meetings because of all the issues we are having with parents.
2. The SAB would like to know how all fundraisers go, to share with all our sports as to which ones work.
3. All sports boards should have a Social Media Liaison.

OLD BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Dan Woodington moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Lisa Collins seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

CLOSED SESSION: Cheerleading

NEXT MEETING IS MAY 7, 2025