WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION
SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING: AUGUST 6, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Jimmy Gaskin, President, at 6:59 p.m.

SAB members in attendance:

Jimmy Gaskin
Brian DiLuigi
Dana Tucci
Mike Makofka
Dan Woodington
Brian McCaffery

Sports representatives in attendance:

Basketball - Jim Hinkel
Field Hockey - Cassie Tomczak and Shannon Mignone
Rugby - Ray McFall and Kevin Collins
Soccer - Roger McLarnon and Gina Heil
Softball - Chris Bourquin
Tennis - Jeff Christo

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Dana Tucci moved to approve the Minutes from the June 4, 2025 Meeting. Mike Makofka seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

REPORTS OF SPORTS BOARDS:

BASEBALL: No one present. Sam called Denise with an update.

- Off season.
- Registration for Fall Ball will end on August 22nd.
- Golf outing is September 19th at White Oaks Country Club.

BASKETBALL:

- Registration for the 2025/2026 season opened July 1st.
- There are 156 kids registered so far.

- An email reminder that registration is now open was sent out July 17th to everyone who was registered for last season.
- April Haruch, Vice Commissioner, resigned from the Board in late June.
- Ryan Jagielski, Boys 9-12 Intramural Director, resigned from the Board effective July 15th.
- There are now 4 open board positions:
  1. Vice Commissioner
  2. Girls Travel Director
  3. Girls Intramural Director
  4. Boys 9-12 Intramural Director
- Bylaws Revisions – Second Reading
  Discussion about rating the players is now 1 through 5 instead of 1 through 10

Dana Tucci moved to approve Basketball's Bylaws Revisions. Dan Woodington seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

CHEERLEADING:

- New uniforms are in and are spectacular. We can't wait to show them off. Thank you to Gianna at Parks & Rec for her help with the order.
- We held our first Cheer Clinic at the end of June, which was very successful. Thank you to Parks & Rec for helping us organize it and answering all of our many questions.
- We also held our first Cheer Camp July 28th through the 31st, which was a lot of fun. We had about 30 girls.
- Cheer practices began on Monday, August 4th, at Washington Lake Park.
- Equipment pick up was on Tuesday, August 5th, at the Senior Center.
- Our Cheer Showcase is scheduled for Wednesday, August 27th, at the Amphitheater this year.
- Stunt Clinics by Royal Revolution are scheduled for the second week of August. This Clinic is included in registration and gives the girls a chance to learn stunts from professional coaches.
- At this time, we are still waiting to hear back from ALL of the schools we requested to use for fall competition practices: Bells, Birches, TJ, Hurffville, OVMS, BHMS and WTHS 9/10.
- 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.
- Discussion about Cheer using the Fire House on Fries Mill Road – they will have to pay $800 a month for insurance. Why? Aren't they under the Township insurance?
- Updated Coaches List with Team Parents submitted for approval.
- Approval of six Fundraiser Requests:
  1. Stio's 8/7/25
  2. Texas Roadhouse 8/21/25

3. Kona Ice 8/27/25
4. Johnny Di's 9/4/25
5. PJ's 9/17/25
6. Snap Raise

- Discussion about Dine and Donates – try to get Board Members to go so they can go around and tell everyone to mention the certain sport. Even the players should go.

Dana Tucci moved to approve Cheerleading's Updated Coaches List with Team Parents, with the exception of three Team Parents, Nicolette Landi, Ella Coppinger and Christina Bastile, who are pending Megan's Law certification. Dan Woodington seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

Dana Tucci moved to approve Cheerleading's six Fundraiser Requests. Mike Makofka seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

FIELD HOCKEY:

- Registration closed on July 15th. There are over 20 more girls this year.
- There are 41 girls for the 7th/8th grade program.
- There were evaluations done by neutral parties. We had 2 girls from Rowan and Kane University.
- We were able to get extra turf time.
- We would like to change the time that we use the stadium turf to 6:30 to 9:30 instead of 6:30 to 8:30. We would like to add another hour.

FOOTBALL:

- Equipment handouts were done the week of July 28th through the 31st.
- Season began 7/28 for the Junior High Team, all others began August 4th.
- Six new flag poles were installed by Public Works around the existing US Flag. All of the flag poles were donated by military veterans.
- We had a successful Alex's Lemonade Benefit on July 19th. They raised $12,000.00 for pediatric cancer research.
- Vet Cup is scheduled for September 6th.
- Pink Pep Rally will be scheduled in October, date to be determined based on the SJI schedule.
- Coaches List with Team Moms submitted for approval.
- Approval of two Fundraiser Requests:
  1. Tix4Good
  2. Corn Hole Tournament League

Mike Makofka moved to approve Football's Coaches List with Team Moms, with the exception of Robert Tierno, who is pending Megan's Law certification. Dana Tucci seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

Brian DiLuigi moved to approve Football's two Fundraiser Requests. Dan Woodington seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

LACROSSE: No one present.

RUGBY:

- Season went well.
- Scheduling was sub par – only two home games:
  One for high school team
  One for U12 team
- Girls did great, every Sunday they had a game.
- We had a table set up for National Night Out to promote the sport.
- Wildwood was postponed to next year. There was not enough time to raise the money to go.
- Mulch Madness Fundraiser did well, raised $635.00. We want to do it differently next year.
- Closed Session.

SOCCER:

- Fall season is starting with official practices commencing Monday, August 11th, at several locations.
- Registration numbers are down slightly, however, there has been an uptick in late registrations which is good, but sometimes cumbersome to get in, especially if the numbers demand a new team to be formed without a coach.
- The Township staff, along with the schools, have been fantastic as usual setting everything up for practices and games.
- Girls Travel league starts Saturday, September 6th, and the Boys Travel league starts Sunday, September 7th. The intramural and rec programs start the same weekend.
- The season typically ends the weekend before Thanksgiving for travel. Club teams go into December with tournaments and winter training.
- We would like to pursue providing parking lot lighting via AC Electric, which there is a proposal for about $13,000, that the program is interested in a cost share possibly with the Township. Nothing new to report, but there are safety concerns without parking lot lights.
- We are encouraging all coaches to wear their Megan's Law Badge at all times.
- The Easter Tournament will be Thursday, April 2, 2026 through Saturday, April 4, 2026. As you are aware, this is a big fundraiser for the program and pays for field treatments, goals, nets, etc.
- We are seeking prices for a cleaning company after last year's Easter Tournament debacle.
- Soccer is requesting approval for a Raffle Fundraiser to be drawn in November 2026 as our Fall Fundraiser. The program has obtained a State license and has been

approved through the Clerk's office as per State requirements. A Fundraiser Form needs to be completed and sent to Denise. This can be approved via email.

- There is new board member activity and we are awaiting the approval of George Rhodes, who will take over the role of Girls Intramural Director. Send Resume to Denise. This can be approved via email.
- Fall 2026 will represent a significant change to soccer statewide in regard to age group pairings. Currently, the age groups are based on birth year similarly to FIFA standards. This has been the standard since about 2019. The revisions will revert back to the prior practice of grade-based age, as per age as of August or September of that year. WT will be adopting whichever US Soccer or equal adopts. As usual, there will be a year of adjustment and potential problems of kids (or their parents) wanting to play up which creates tryout issues. Again, this is anticipated to be an issue for about one year until everything shales out.
- We will put a policy in place next spring with regards to the next fall season.
- At last night's Soccer Board Meeting, we had interest from two potential board members. One potential member has already attended over two meetings to satisfy the SAB requirement.
- Boys Club Team Coaches List submitted for approval.
- Bylaws Revisions – Second Reading
  These represent a reorganization of the program and positions.

Dana Tucci moved to approve Soccer's Boys Club Team Coaches List, with the exception of Brett Guetens and Ed McCusker, who are pending Megan's Law certification. Mike Makofka seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

Mike Makofka moved to approve Soccer's Bylaws Revisions. Dan Woodington seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

SOFTBALL:

- 12U won the championship this year, two years in a row.
- Fall Ball registration closes in a week.
- Travel Rosters are posted.
- Five to six parents are leaving to play travel elsewhere and taking kids away. This is more of an issue this year.
- Travel Coaches List submitted for approval.

Brian DiLuigi moved to approve Softball's Travel Coaches List, with the exception of Brian McKillop and Eric Spera, who are pending Megan's Law certification. Dana Tucci seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

TENNIS:

- Off season.

- We had 150 registrants this past season. 135 were full participants. The first year we had 80 participate, the second year we had 100 participate and this year the 135. The program is definitely growing.
- Thank you to the Parks & Rec staff for all their help with equipment ordering, etc. and with scheduling the Tennis Courts.
- This was our first year where we had a series of matches.
- We had two parent complaints that were rectified.
- Closed Session.

TRACK AND FIELD/CROSS COUNTRY: No one present.

- Cross Country registration opened up July 1st and closes on August 7th.
- Season is August through October.

WRESTLING: No one present.

- For Information Only:
  Wrestling's Fundraiser Request – Wrestling Does Bells Lake Day was approved, via email, on July 15, 2025.

CHALLENGER DIVISION: No one present.

CODE OF CONDUCT COMMITTEE:

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Mike Makofka moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Dana Tucci seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

CLOSED SESSION: Rugby
Tennis

NEXT MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 3, 2025.