WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION
SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING: FEBRUARY 5, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Denise Kowalski, Secretary, at 7:00 p.m.

SAB members in attendance:

Dana Tucci
Jimmy Gaskin
Brian DiLuigi
Lisa Collins
Mike Makofka
Dan Woodington
Brian McCaffery
Councilman Richard Bennett

Sports representatives in attendance:

Baseball - Sam Scimeca
Basketball - Maria Giangiulio
Cheerleading - Kristle Christo
Field Hockey - Cassie Tomczak, Shannon Mignone and Laura Schneider
Rugby - Kevin Collins
Soccer - Roger McLarnon and Bob Gallagher
Softball - Chris Bourquin
Tennis - Jeff Christo
Wrestling - Frank Albright

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Dana Tucci moved to approve the Minutes from the December 11, 2024 Meeting. Lisa Collins seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

REORGANIZATION OF SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD:

President – Jimmy Gaskin
Vice-President – Brian DiLuigi

Brian McCaffery is the newest member to the Board.
All other members remain the same.

Town Council Liaison – Richard Bennett

Sports Board Liaisons:
Baseball – Brian McCaffery
Basketball – Brian McCaffery
Cheerleading – Jimmy Gaskin
Field Hockey – Dan Woodington
Football – Lisa Collins
Lacrosse – Brian DiLuigi
Rugby – Lisa Collins
Soccer – Mike Makofka
Softball – Dana Tucci
Tennis – Dan Woodington
Track & Field – Jimmy Gaskin
Wrestling – Brian DiLuigi

Brian DiLuigi moved to approve the Sports Board Liaisons for 2025. Dana Tucci seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

Meeting Dates:
February 5 - Reorganization
March 5
April 2
May 7
June 4
July 2 – Most likely will be canceled due to the July 4th holiday
August 6
September 3
October 1
November 5
December 3

Brian DiLuigi moved to approve the Meeting Dates for 2025. Dana Tucci seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

REPORTS OF SPORTS BOARDS:

BASEBALL:

- Registration is ongoing. Ends on February 28th.
- March 1st will start the $10.00 late fee.
- March 27th is the annual Beef & Beer.
- April 6th is Opening Day.

- Bylaws Revisions – First Reading
  Discussion:
  1. How many voting members?
     Changed from 11 to 9 a while ago.
  2. How many Members at Large?
     4 - they move up to a voting member when someone resigns.
  3. 7U Travel is kid pitch.
  4. Out of town rule is that you must play 1 year of rec.

BASKETBALL:

- Season is coming to an end.
- There have been 19 technicals given out this season between coaches and players.
- Ordering All Star and Champion shirts next week.
- Scoreboard at Chestnut Ridge is broken. Public Works tried to fix it, but cannot. We asked the school to replace it. However, the school is saying they have no money to fix the scoreboard, that the Township has to pay for a new one. Lisa will talk to Kevin Murphy about this.
- The Orchard Valley floor is horrible, very slippery. Very hard to play on this floor.
- Approval of Coach Frank Benson, who is now Megan's Law certified.
- Approval of Fundraiser Request – Picture Weekend 2/8 and 2/9

Dana Tucci moved to approve Basketball's Coach Frank Benson, who is now Megan's Law certified. Lisa Collins seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

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

CHEERLEADING:

- For Information Only:
  Two Fundraiser Requests:
  Dine & Donate at Sweet Talk Café
  Double Good Popcorn
  were approved, via email, on January 8, 2025
- For Information Only:
  Fundraiser Request – Cheer Blankets
  was approved, via email, on January 10, 2025
- We celebrated the end of the 2024 season on January 24th with our banquet.
- Competition Cheer season ended on December 15th with the Spirit Extreme Mistletoe Madness competition, with the following results:
  80s Revolution – 1st
  95s – 1st
  110s – 3rd
  125s – 1st
  Junior High – 3rd

- 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.
- Our Junior High team won a bid to compete at the Grands National Competition in AC in March.
- We should be starting practices this week at Kindle.
- Finalizing new uniform design for the 2025 season.
- Board elections will take place on February 10th. New Board will begin in March.
- Bylaws Revisions – First Reading
  Discussion:
  1. Cheer has a question about reviewing someone returning after suspension. Cheer Board wants to be able to say no. However, if the Code of Conduct suspension was served, that suspension is law, then Cheer cannot review this.
  2. Members at Large – they have no term.

FIELD HOCKEY:

- Season is over.
- End of the year banquet is February 23, 2025.

FOOTBALL: No one present. Mark emailed his Monthly Football Report.

- We are off season.
- We hosted the League Championships for the SJI the weekend after Thanksgiving.
- Washington Township was represented at every weight class in both Varsity and JV. The following teams won their championship games:
  95lb Varsity won
  125lb JV won
- Equipment returns were scheduled for early December. Additional returns will also be scheduled. After the 3rd and final return date (TBD), no equipment refunds will be given, however, the equipment will still need to be returned.
- Football will be asking to raise the registration fee from $150.00 per player to $175.00 per player. We will be amending our Bylaws prior to submitting for approval.
- We will be submitting a Fundraiser Request for a craft show to benefit Cole Fitzgerald's Foundation for Pediatric Cancer. Football will host the craft show, but will not benefit monetarily from this event.
- Additional Fundraiser Requests will be submitted at a later meeting.

LACROSSE: No one present.

RUGBY:

- Gearing up for the season.
- There are over 32 kids so far.

- The PA high school league starts earlier than the NJ high school league.
- We would like to get on a field with lights before March 16th to get some practice in.
- It appears an ATV has made all kinds of ruts on the Johnson Road field. The Township will make sure the field is ready for the season.
- Rec high school schedule for U16 and U14 has been set up. There will be 8 games on Sundays.
- We are having a Girls Day to try to get more girls to join. There will be girls from Rowan and St. Joe's to help with drills.

SOCCER:

- Spring season starts March 1st. Historically weather has delayed the start.
- We would like to revisit lighting on Levy Field because it is being used so much. Proposal is between $15,000 and $16,000.
- We would like to do another raffle with the Washington Township Rotary with more time.
- We paid $15,000 for the upkeep of the 9/10 fields at the high school. They are covered in geese poop. We thought a portion of the money would go towards helping with this.
- Winter sessions are on-going.
- Winter training sessions are available at Total Turf indoor space for WT soccer players and their teams. It is on a first come/first serve basis as space is limited but still available.
- Spring Travel and EDP registrations for leagues are closed.
- We are encouraging all coaches to wear their Megan's Law Badge at all times.
- We are in the process of revising our Bylaws and will present to the SAB at a later date.
- Looking to raise registration fees because everything is going up, uniforms, ref fees, trophies, etc.
- Easter Tournament is getting geared up for April as Easter is late this year.
- Missing bulbs at County House. The Township is aware, we are waiting to rent the big lift. County House bulbs have been replaced, Orchard Valley bulbs have been replaced.
- Debacle with ordering of uniforms last year, so the uniform company is giving Soccer a discount this year. We will be giving money back to the teams.
- A former Board Member is still delaying the court system for paying the money back. Yet this former Board Member has been going on vacation to Disney World while still owing soccer $4,800.

SOFTBALL:

- Registration is completed, still leaving open to a limited degree to fill in teams where possible.
- After team rosters are full, players will be placed on a waiting list.

- We are ahead of where we were by about 30 players compared to this time last year.
- More players have been retained in the older leagues, however, it's been lighter in the first year players in 6U and with the 5U first year players.
- Indoor rec practices will start in early March for 8U+.
- Coaches will be selected at the next Softball Board Meeting next week in a closed meeting, then we will submit them to SAB for approval.
- Approval of three Fundraiser Requests:
  1. Opening Day Festival
  2. Phillies Ticket Raffle
  3. Developmental Clinics
- SAB is suggesting that each sport should let them know how each fundraiser did. We are also suggesting that each board should have someone in charge of social media.

Dana Tucci moved to approve Softball's Opening Day Festival. Brian DiLuigi seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

Dana Tucci moved to approve Softball's Phillies Ticket Raffle. Lisa Collins seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

Dan Woodington moved to approve Softball's Developmental Clinics. Dana Tucci seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

TENNIS:

- Registration will be opening up next week.
- Trying to get more board members.
- Approval of Coaches List – all Megan's Law certified

Dana Tucci moved to approve Tennis' Coaches List. Dan Woodington seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

TRACK AND FIELD: No one present. Ron sent Jimmy a text with an update.

- Off season.
- Registration closes on February 28th.
- Ironing out schedule with the high school.

WRESTLING:

- League events are done.
- Tot tournament was last weekend, hosted by Deptford. It was awful, but it is completed.
- Varsity and JV year end tournaments are in the coming weeks. We are not hosting them.

- We hosted our State Qualifier again and it was a huge success.
- Fisler Tournament is next weekend. This is our biggest event and serves to fund most of our expenses year end.
- A condensed practice schedule will run through the second week of March, until Youth States.
- There were 2 separate repairs done to the roof on the CAC building. One cost $2,800 and the second cost $7,200. Wrestling paid these amounts. Can the Township reimburse us?
- Approval of Coaches List

Dana Tucci moved to approve Wrestling's Coaches List, with the exception of John Sauer, who is pending Megan's Law certification. Lisa Collins seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

CHALLENGER DIVISION: No one present.

CODE OF CONDUCT COMMITTEE:

The Members for 2025 are as follows:
Baseball – Daniel Zelechoski
Basketball – Matthew McKenna
Cheerleading – Justine Martino
Field Hockey – Jason Buttacavoli
Football – Mark Colligan
Lacrosse – Jeff DiBiaso
Rugby – Joseph Marks
Soccer – Roger McLarnon
Softball – Denise Henderson
Tennis – Jeff Christo
Track & Field – Evan Fjellin
Wrestling – Joseph Hoopes

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

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

CLOSED SESSION: Field Hockey
Soccer

NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 5, 2025