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

The meeting was called to order by Jimmy Gaskin, President, at 7:00 p.m.

SAB members in attendance:

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

Sports representatives in attendance:

Basketball - Maria Giangiulio
Cheerleading - Kristle Christo
Field Hockey - Cassie Tomczak and Laura Schneider
Football - Mark Colligan
Lacrosse - Michael Ritzinger
Rugby - Ray McFall
Soccer - Roger McLarnon
Softball - Chris Bourquin
Tennis - Jeff Christo
Track & Field - Amy Walsh
Wrestling - Frank Albright

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Dana Tucci moved to approve the Minutes from the February 5, 2025 Meeting. Dan Woodington seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

REPORTS OF SPORTS BOARDS:

BASEBALL: No one present. Sam sent Denise a text with an update.

- Registration ended on February 28th.
- March 1st will start the $10.00 late fee.
- Drafts are starting this week.
- Practices will be starting on March 15th.

- April 6th is Opening Day.
- Bylaws Revisions – Second Reading

Dana Tucci moved to approve Baseball's Bylaws Revisions. Lisa Collins seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

BASKETBALL:

- We are in the last two weeks of the season.
- Chestnut Ridge's roof is leaking, had to cancel games.
- Moving games to Bunker Hill.
- There were two Code of Conduct Hearings that were handled.
- The Travel Director, Chal Rojas, is suggesting that Basketball resurface Orchard Valley floors.
- Councilman Bennett has discussed shared cost with the school for this resurfacing, pay 1/3 each.
- Approval of new Board Member:
  Jessica Cardella – Member at Large

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

CHEERLEADING:

- Jr. High team will compete March 29th in Atlantic City.
- They are currently practicing in the auxiliary gym in the high school.
- Finalizing new uniform design for the 2025 season.
- Board elections took place on February 10th. New Board will begin in March pending approval.
- 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.
- Approval of 2025 Board Members:
  Kristle Christo – President (Re-elected into a one year extension)
  Heather Finn – Vice President (2nd year into term)
  Alicia Deamer – Treasurer (2nd year into term)
  Lisa Marie Lowery – Secretary (Newly elected to the Board)
  Meghan Robertson – Fundraising Chair (2nd year into term)
  Diane Freidel-Levin – Football Liaison (Newly elected into this new position)
  Justine Martino – Equipment Manager (2nd year into term)
  Alysha Onesti – Assistant Equipment Manager (Newly elected to the Board)
  Heather Finn – Facilities

- Approval to increase registration fee from $90.00 to $100.00
  Registration breakdown is as follows:
  Bow $35
  Practice Tank $15
  Insurance $5
  First Aid $10
  Professional Cheer Clinic $35
- Approval of three Fundraiser Requests:
  1. Summer Cheer Camp July 28th through July 31st
  2. Summer Cheer Clinic June 30th through July 2nd
  3. Boardwalk Fun Bracelet Sales May 31st
- Bylaws Revisions – Second Reading

Dana Tucci moved to approve Cheerleading's new Board Members. Lisa Collins seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

Dan Woodington moved to approve Cheerleading's increase in registration fee. Dana Tucci seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

Dana Tucci moved to approve Cheerleading's two Fundraiser Requests – Summer Cheer Camp and Summer Cheer Clinic. Lisa Collins seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

Dana Tucci moved to approve Cheerleading's Fundraiser Request – Boardwalk Fun Bracelet Sales. Dan Woodington seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

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

FIELD HOCKEY:

- Season ended in October.
- End of the year banquet was February 23, 2025. It was nice to bring everyone back together.
- Getting ready for the Summer Camp.
- Approval of Fundraiser Request – Summer Camp June 2nd, 3rd and 4th

Dana Tucci moved to approve Field Hockey's Fundraiser Request. Dan Woodington seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

FOOTBALL:

- We are in the off season.
- Sign-ups for the 2025 season will open up April 1st.
- Will be scheduling a field maintenance meeting with Brian, Frank and Nick.

- Approval of Fundraiser Request – Corn Hole Tournament benefitting the Cole Fitzgerald Foundation for Pediatric Cancer Research
- Football will host the Tournament, but will not benefit monetarily from this event.
- Additional fundraising requests will be submitted.

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

LACROSSE:

- Season has started.
- Games start next week.
- We have 257 kids this year. Last year was 185.
- We have the largest Scoopers program.
- Still fighting for turf time.
- We are having 4 clinics, 4 times, for the Scoopers.
- Coaches List submitted for approval.

Dana Tucci moved to approve Lacrosse's Coaches List, with the exception of Mitchell Traxler, who is pending Megan's Law certification. Dan Woodington seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

RUGBY:

- Season starts next week.
- High school boys started a few weeks ago.

SOCCER:

- There was a meeting rebranding the Travel Team names:
  A will be United
  B will be Premier
  C will be Select
- March 2nd and 3rd were opening days for girls and boys. EDP League games start March 16th.
- 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.
- 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.
- So far we have 115 teams signed up for the Easter Tournament, which is Thursday, April 17th through Saturday April 19th.
- In soccer club news, the big fish continue to eat the little fish as RUSA has been merged with MatchFit.

SOFTBALL:

- In Week One – 8U and older are practicing inside.
- 2 teams are higher in numbers than last year, which shows the program is still growing.
- Many people are still signing up late.
- Hurffville field is ready.
- Opening Day is April 12th.
- Head Coaches List submitted for approval.

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

TENNIS:

- Registration opened up on February 12th.
- This year we started on line registration, as well as in person.
- There are 7 or 8 head coaches, still need more assistants.
- There are 60 kids so far.
- Season starts April 14th.
- Approval of four additional Coaches:
  William Haight
  Elizabeth Danovich
  Edward Kuszmaul
  Kristle Christo

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

TRACK AND FIELD:

- Registration ended on February 28th.
- There are 300 kids.
- Practices start March 10th.
- April 5th is our first home meet. May 3rd is our second.
- Coaches List submitted for approval.

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

WRESTLING:

- League events are done.
- Youth States are March 15th and 16th.
- End of year banquet will be in April, we are using Masso's.

- Approval of new Board Member:
  Deanna Higgins – Member at Large
  She is slated to become the Treasurer

Dana Tucci moved to approve Wrestling's new Board Member. Dan Woodington seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

CHALLENGER DIVISION: No one present.

CODE OF CONDUCT COMMITTEE:

There were two Code of Conduct Hearings held on February 20, 2025:

1. There was an incident on February 3, 2025, at a Boys 10 basketball game involving a parent, Jennifer Cavallaro
2. There was another incident on February 6, 2025, at a Boys 11 basketball game involving a grandparent, Mike Derieux

Mark Colligan, the Code of Conduct Committee Chair, feels we need to have a meeting with the SAB members, all sports Presidents and the Township Solicitor, to discuss the Code of Conduct procedure.

NEW BUSINESS:

Why does our sports programs have to pay the $200.00 security deposit for rental of the Senior Center?

OLD BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Dana Tucci moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Lisa Collins seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

CLOSED SESSION: Cheerleading asked to be moved to April.

NEXT MEETING IS APRIL 2, 2025