WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION
SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING: MAY 7, 2025

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

SAB members in attendance:

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

Sports representatives in attendance:

Baseball - Sam Scimeca
Basketball - Maria Giangiulio
Cheerleading - Kristle Christo and Meghan Robertson
Field Hockey - Cassie Tomczak and Laura Schneider
Football - Mark Colligan
Lacrosse - Jeff DiBiaso
Soccer - Roger McLarnon
Tennis - Kristle Christo
Wrestling - Frank Albright

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Dana Tucci moved to approve the Minutes from the April 2, 2025 Meeting. Brian DiLuigi seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

REPORTS OF SPORTS BOARDS:

BASEBALL:

- For Information Only:
  Spirit Wear Fundraiser extended through Fall of 2025
  was approved, via email, on April 9, 2025.
- Season is in full swing, so far no major problems.
- Memorial Day Tournament is the end of the month.

- Phillies Raffle will be pulled that weekend.
- Approval of new Board Member:
  Jeff Kalber – Vice Commissioner
  (Jimmy McAllister retired)
  Megan's Law certified

Dana Tucci moved to approve Baseball's new Board Member. Brian DiLuigi seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

BASKETBALL:

- Off season.
- With Steve Clark resigning, and the Board eliminating his board position, we are looking into an outside company, Board 34, to ref all basketball games.
- A representative from Board 34 attended our last meeting.
- For the 2025-2026 season, the basketball officials will only be officials who are certified and properly trained. They will be providing their own officials, however, they agreed to keep a handful of officials that Steve Clark highly recommends.
- This will be a year by year decision.
- The Basketball Board voted YES to bring in Board 34 officials for the 2025-2026 season.
- Approval to bring in Board 34 officials to ref our games.
- Approval of new Board Members:
  Jim Hinkel – Commissioner
  April Haruch – Vice Commissioner
  Matt McKenna – Treasurer
  Maria Giangiulio – Secretary
  Board Advisor – Marc Rossi
  Boys 12-18 Rec – Jessica Cardella
  All are Megan's Law certified
- There are two current openings, Girls Travel and Girls Intramural, which we have already received interest.

Dana Tucci moved to approve bringing in Board 34 to ref all basketball games. Lisa Collins seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

Dana Tucci moved to approve Basketball's new Board Members. Brian DiLuigi seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

CHEERLEADING:

- Registration is in full swing for the 2025 season.
- We have finalized the design for our new uniforms.
- We are estimating that we will be able to purchase 250 new uniforms, so registration will need to shut down if/once we hit that number.

- We have two equipment meetings set up for June 11th and 12th. It is mandatory that all cheerleaders and one parent attend one of our equipment meetings to be sized for uniforms and to purchase additional equipment.
- We are hosting a Summer Cheer Clinic June 30th through July 2nd and a Summer Cheer Camp July 28th through the 31st. Registration is open through the Parks and Rec Office.
- Currently getting quotes from additional gyms for stunt clinics for sideline and comp cheer squads.
- We will be scheduling a mandatory Junior Coaches Clinic and Coaches Clinic for two dates in the summer.
- 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.
- Approval of new Board Members:
  Meghan Robertson – Vice Commissioner
  (Heather Finn resigned from Vice position, moving Meghan Robertson from Fundraising Chair to Vice)
  Erin Wagner – Fundraising Chair
  Both are Megan's Law certified

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

FIELD HOCKEY:

- We are getting ready for our Summer Camp June 2nd, 3rd and 4th.
- Will start registration at the end of May for the 2025 season.

FOOTBALL:

- We are in the off season.
- Registration for the 2025 season opened up on April 1st.
- Football now has a Gaming License, which makes us a charitable organization.
- The field was dressed.
- Lights on the old wooden poles in the parking lot are out again. We got a $9,000.00 quote for LED lights. The company supplies the lights, we will have to put them up.
- Football is partnering with Alex's Lemonade and hosting a Corn Hole Tournament, benefiting Cole and family, on July 19th at the football complex.
- Approval of Fundraiser Request – Annual Golf Outing
- Bylaws Revisions – Second Reading
- Requested to move closed session to the June meeting.

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

Dana Tucci moved to approve Football's Bylaws Revisions. Brian DiLuigi seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

LACROSSE:

- Season is finished, all went good.
- We had a 20% growth in our younger teams.
- The Girls End of Year Tournament is next weekend, May 18th at the high school. There are 106 teams, about 1000 athletes.

RUGBY: No one present.

SOCCER:

- For Information Only:
  Intramural Coach Samantha Ritz was approved, via email, on April 16, 2025.
- Spring season is almost over, about another month to go.
- Tryouts for fall 2025/2026 spring season have concluded and teams have been selected.
- Well controller at Levy Field has been fixed.
- March 2nd and 3rd were opening days for girls and boys soccer. EDP League games started March 16th.
- As of May 11th, most teams in SJSL and SJGSL will be finished and tournament play will be in June, including Beach Blast in Wildwood.
- Soccer has approved $15,000 towards the field enhancement program in place at the WTHS 9-10 fields. However, these fields are still in need of work. Some minor regrading along wooded side required for drainage.
- Easter Tournament went well, vendors did well. Special thanks to all Township employees who helped make it happen, including Lisa Collins, Brian McCaffery, Frank Altamuro, Nick Fiorentino and their respective teams.
- Tournament is getting younger and older teams are fewer.
- A break in did occur at the County House soccer building after the Easter Tournament. Our left over concessions were looted and a fire extinguisher was set off inside, requiring extensive cleanup. Again, thanks to the Township employees making the cleanup happen and installing a deadbolt. We did find a broken off knife blade at the door last week.
- The soccer program, as part of the rewrite of the Bylaws, is consolidating and streamlining to show clearly 1 program, under 1 umbrella, but also keeping different paths based on level of talent and commitment.
- The WT Soccer program has been successful despite significant competition from other towns that are more open to taking nonresidents and also from for-profit programs that actively recruit. Despite this, Township has held its own and are attracting kids to our program.
- Demographics are changing as older residents are downsizing and younger families are moving back in. This shift will help with all programs and the schools.

SOFTBALL: No one present. Chris sent Denise an email with an update.

- We are currently in week 3 of the season and no major complaints to report.
- Opening Day was a success, with a high turn-out, even though we had to use a rain date of the following Monday. It went off without any loss of planned festivities.
- Scheduled games were canceled that day and will be rescheduled for a later date.
- Are there water faucets available at any of the fields? When we start getting into the 2nd week of no rain, the fields become dust bowls and with the wind we have had, it is causing unfortunate playing conditions.
- Approval of Intramural Assistant Coaches Zakary Skipper and Ali Salkowski, who are now Megan's Law certified.

Dana Tucci moved to approve Softball's Intramural Assistant Coaches Zakary Skipper and Ali Salkowski, who are now Megan's Law certified. Lisa Collins seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

TENNIS:

- For Information Only:
  Coach Edmond Fellona was approved, via email, on April 16, 2025.
- We are well into the season, everything is running smooth.

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

- We are 1 month into the season, everything is going good.
- We have 2 big tournaments coming up.
- Approval of new Board Members for a new 2 year term:
  Ron Paglia – Commissioner
  Evan Fjellin – Vice Commissioner
  Amy Walsh – Equipment Manager
  Janika San Roman – Treasurer
  Owen Mullin – Business Coordinator
  Andrew Magee – Sergeant of Arms

Dana Tucci moved to approve Track and Field's new Board Members. Brian DiLuigi seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

WRESTLING:

- Off season.
- Approval of new Board Members:
  Frank Albright – Commissioner
  Michael Horn – Vice Commissioner
  George Hazleton – Operations
  Deanna Higgins – Treasurer
  Dana Rinaldi – Secretary

Vincent Scurti – Voting Member at Large
William Williams – Voting Member at Large
John Sauer – Voting Member at Large
Bob Stinson – Voting Member at Large
Stacy Berk – Non-voting Member at Large

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

CHALLENGER DIVISION: No one present.

CODE OF CONDUCT COMMITTEE:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Fundraiser that Cheer did – SNAP
   You are to add emails and phone numbers into their portal. The company then sends out emails asking for donations. They will send out emails the entire month.

   Cheerleading raised over $11,000.00. However, only 20% of the cheerleaders did this fundraiser. If there were more that participated, they would have raised even more money.

   The company takes 18% of the total. So they took $2,000. Cheer walked away with $9,000.

2. Councilman Bennett is looking to have more of our sports teams participate in the July 4th parade.

   Duffields is willing to donate a trailer. We could even have multiple sports teams on this 1 trailer holding up signs.

OLD BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Dana Tucci moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Lisa Collins seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

CLOSED SESSION: Football asked to be moved to the June meeting.

NEXT MEETING IS JUNE 4, 2025