WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION
SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING: SEPTEMBER 3, 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
Brian McCaffery

Sports representatives in attendance:

Basketball - Jim Hinkel
Cheerleading - Meghan Robertson
Football - Mark Colligan
Lacrosse - Jeff DiBiaso
Rugby - Kevin Collins
Softball - Chris Bourquin
Track & Field - Ron Paglia
Wrestling - Frank Albright

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Dana Tucci moved to approve the Minutes from the August 6, 2025 Meeting. Brian DiLuigi 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.

- Fall Ball games starting this week.
- Our numbers are good for the fall.
- We have 32 rec teams and 12 travel teams.
- Approval of two Fundraiser Requests:
  1. Golf Outing - September 19th
  2. Beef and Beer Social - November 1st

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

BASKETBALL:

- Registration is ongoing, there are over 300 kids registered so far.
- Approval of new Board Members:
  Maria Giangiulio – Vice Commissioner (moved from Secretary)
  Ernie D'Orazio – Boys 9-12 Intramural Director
  Anthony DiPietro – Girls Travel Director
- Charlie Rojas resigned from his position as Boys Travel Director. As a result, his position is now open and will be posted. Additionally, given his resignation, it is very likely that Boys Travel Tryouts (9/8, 9/12, 9/15 & 9/19) will need to be rescheduled.
- Summary of open positions after our 8/27 meeting:
  Girls Intramural Director
  Boys Travel Director
  Secretary
- Discussion about holding Coaching Clinics. Todd Powers from the high school is very interested in helping with teaching these Clinics.

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

CHEERLEADING:

- We wrapped up August practices with an unforgettable showcase held at the Washington Lake Park Amphitheater.
- An enormous THANK YOU to Lisa, Nick and the Rangers who helped us pull this off.
- The girls and parents had an amazing experience, there was more room for them to set up and have a better view to see their girls.
- We used the Amphitheater's sound system, which was perfect for the crowd we had.
- Cheer photos are scheduled for September with Get Shot By Brian.
- We held stunt clinics with Royal Revolution All Stars, who were fantastic. Out of my personal 7 years of stunt clinics, this was by far the best we've had.
- Competition practices will begin on September 8th.
- We will be practicing at Bunker Hill, WTHS 9/10, Birches, TJ and Hurffville.
- We have two pods this year, one at Hurffville and one at Bunker Hill. We were able to purchase a second set of cheer mats that are housed in the second pod this year.
- We have been in contact with Pete DelBorrello to hopefully take a look at the MUA garage for cheer practices, as we are still having to work around many blackout dates and winter sports beginning before our season ends.

- We want to add a new Board position - Social Media Coordinator. We would like to remove these duties from the Secretary position. SAB suggested to submit an Addendum to Article 6 and 7 of the Bylaws adding a Social Media Coordinator.
- Kaitlyn Colligan is now a Member at Large.

FIELD HOCKEY: No one present.

- Coaches List submitted for approval.

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

FOOTBALL:

- Season began 7/28 for the Junior High Team, all others began August 4th.
- We have about 275 - 290 kids.
- Football Golf Outing was successful, although we fell short of previous years' profits.
- Corn Hole League starts September 15th and runs for 6 weeks on Monday nights.
- Work is being done on both bathrooms due to a water line break that caused water damage. Port O Pots were placed as a temporary depository.
- The AC compressor has seized up and is not working. Public Works is looking into a fix.
- Beef and Beer will be on November 8th. Venue TBD.
- Vet Cup is September 6th. Junior High Team is not playing, could not find them a team.
- League games start on September 20th.

LACROSSE:

- Off season.
- Free programming in September/October to try to keep kids here in town.
- At our next Board Meeting, we will finalize new members and will work on updating our Bylaws.

RUGBY:

- Off season.
- Just had a camp over at Rowan with 8 of our guys.
- NJ Rugby donated supplies to Birches Elementary.
- Keep trying to get word out of our program.

SOCCER:

- For Information Only:
  1. Fundraiser Request – Raffle with NJ State License from August 20th until drawing in November was approved, via email, on August 11, 2025
  2. New Board Member, George Rhodes III, as the new Girls Intramural Director, was approved, via email, on August 11, 2025
  3. New Board Member, Rick Wick, as a Member at Large, was approved, via email, on August 12, 2025
- Fall season starts league-wise Saturday, September 6th. Many teams have played in a tournament or 2 already.
- The program is going to need to purchase some new clinic goals next spring as many are breaking down.
- The program is trying to rotate fields to not over use them. We are spending a good chunk of change renting turf space at Total Turf to compensate for the WTHS practice turf availability.
- Rec league fields and goals are set up at Hurffville, Birches and Wedgewood.
- Intramural fields are set up at Orchard Valley, Chestnut Ridge, WTHS 9-10, Levy and Hurffville.
- Club fields are set up at Washington Lake Park, WTHS 9-10 and Levy.
- The program is using TKI (The Keeper Institute) for goal keeper training at County House, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, for 10 weeks.
- The program purchased new nets for the WTHS practice turf this past week.
- Rec Coaches List submitted for approval – all Megan's Law certified.
- Boys Intramural Coaches List submitted for approval – all Megan's Law certified.
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- Updated Boys Club Team Coaches submitted for approval – all Megan's Law certified, including Brett Guetens and Ed McCusker.
- Girls Club Team Coaches submitted for approval.

Dana Tucci moved to approve Soccer's Rec Coaches List. Brian DiLuigi seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

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Dana Tucci moved to approve Soccer's updated Boys Club Team Coaches List, including Brett Guetens and Ed McCusker, who are now Megan's Law certified. Brian DiLuigi seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

Dana Tucci moved to approve Soccer's Girls Club Team Coaches List, with the exception of Christopher Dougherty, who is pending Megan's Law certification. Brian DiLuigi seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

SOFTBALL:

- For Information Only:
  Fall Travel Coaches, Brian McKillop and Eric Spera, who are now Megan's Law certified, were approved, via email, on August 13, 2025.
- Soccer is proposing an increase in registration fees for the spring season, $10.00 per age group:
  6U - $60 to $70
  8U - $80 to $90
  10U - $95 to $105
  12U - $95 to $105
  14U/15U - $95 to $105
  18U - $110 to $120
- We feel it is necessary to increase registration fees at this time because for the past years, we have been cost cutting on expenditures to keep prices as low as possible. We have not had a price increase in quite some time.
- Our costs have certainly increased over this time period, where we sacrificed ordering new equipment. We will need this increase to budget new equipment, such as pitching machines, bases for all fields, netting etc.
- Some of our cost increases are:
  Uniforms have increased roughly from $8,000 to $10,000
  Price of balls $50/$60 a case to over $100 a case
  Catcher equipment $199 to $299
  Bases are approximately $800 to $1000 for 5 fields
  Netting is $100 each
  Pitching machines - $200 for repairs if needed, but are slowly not repairable, and $1,000 for brand new
  Umpire fees used to be $35/$40 per game, now it is $50 going to $55.
  Fees increase for rec teams if we are not big enough to have an in-house league to play in SJGSA
- Fall Ball going well, we have 20+ kids over last year.
- There was a Township softball team that broke off, making up their own travel team. They are no longer affiliated with the Township, but we understand they are still using our park.
- 16/18 – only 7 girls registered for Fall Ball. We had to cancel this age group and refunds were given.
- Rec Fall Ball Coaches List submitted for approval – all Megan's Law certified

Dana Tucci moved to approve Softball's increase in registration fees for the spring season. Lisa Collins seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

Dana Tucci moved to approve Softball's Rec Fall Ball Coaches List. Brian DiLuigi seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

TENNIS: No one present.

TRACK AND FIELD/CROSS COUNTRY:

- We are a month into our Cross Country season.
- Saturday, September 6th, is our first meet at Cherokee.
- Our numbers are good.
- Cross Country Coaches List submitted for approval – all Megan's Law certified.
- Closed Session.

Lisa Collins moved to approve Cross Country's Coaches List. Brian DiLuigi seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

WRESTLING:

- Getting ready to open up registration on October 1st.
- There are no middle school teams this year. The middle schools suspended all sports again.
- Wrestling would like to set up a Middle School Team and send them to Middle School Duals. This would be a separate team. We would need approval from Kevin Murphy.
- Closed Session.

CHALLENGER DIVISION: No one present.

CODE OF CONDUCT COMMITTEE:

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

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

CLOSED SESSION: Track & Field/Cross Country
Wrestling

NEXT MEETING IS OCTOBER 1, 2025.