WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION
SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING: FEBRUARY 4, 2026

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

SAB members in attendance:

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

Sports representatives in attendance:

Baseball - Jeff Kalber and Jeffrey Hartman
Cheerleading - Kristle Christo and Meghan Robertson
Field Hockey - Laura Schneider
Football - Mark Colligan
Lacrosse - Jeff DiBiaso and Chad Flexon
Rugby - Kevin Collins
Soccer - Roger McLarnon, Robert Marasa and Gina Heil
Softball - Chris Bourquin and Dan Swift
Tennis - Will Haight and Stacy Valerio

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Dana Tucci moved to approve the Minutes from the January 6, 2026 Meeting. Brian DiLuigi seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

REPORTS OF SPORTS BOARDS:

BASEBALL:

- Registration is ongoing. Numbers are light.
- Travel is in full swing.
- Closed Session.

BASKETBALL: No one present. Maria sent Denise an email with an update.

- For Information Only:
  Fundraiser Request – Picture Days February 7th and 8th at Bunker Hill
  was approved, via email, on January 15, 2026
- Looking into offering skill sessions for girls in grades 3rd through 8th in April and May as a way to increase their interest in the Township basketball program.
- Technicals and suspensions as of 2/3/26:
  SUSPENSIONS: 4 year to date
  1. A Coach for receiving two technical fouls in the same league in the same season. One game suspension.
  2. A player for receiving two technical fouls in the same league in the same season. One game suspension.
  3. A Coach for multiple violations (profane language, unsportsmanlike conduct, ejection, two technical fouls in the same league same season). Seven games suspension.
  4. A player for multiple violations (instigating a fight, profane language, unsportsmanlike conduct, ejection, two technical fouls in the same league same season). Suspended for the remainder of the season.

  TECHNICAL FOULS: 11 year to date

CHEERLEADING:

- Banquet was on January 23rd at Masso's Orchard Garden. There were almost 500 people in attendance.
- We are currently waiting on WTHS for gym usage approval for our extended season. We received Bank Bridge and Bunker Hill Middle School.
- Some of our teams will begin practices this month.
- A couple of our teams are participating in team tumbling (out of pocket) to get ready for Orlando.
- February 9th will be our Board elections.
- Currently working on Financials for our closed session in March.
- Bylaw Revisions – First Reading
  1. More detailed information about competition season
  2. Clarity on roles of board members

FIELD HOCKEY:

- Season is over.
- End of the year banquet is February 22, 2026.

FOOTBALL:

- Off season.
- Bylaw Revisions – First Reading
  1. Registration fee increase
  2. Eliminating Assistant Treasurer from Board
  3. Giving voting rights to Snack Stand Coordinator
  4. Playing time on JV teams
  5. Equipment rental cost from $50 to $25 and non-refundable
- Approval of five Fundraiser Requests:
  1. Annual Raffle
  2. One day Cornhole Tournament – May 9, 2026
  3. Annual Golf Outing – August 22, 2026
  4. Annual Beef & Beer – September 12, 2026
  5. Cornhole League

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

LACROSSE:

- We have 15% more growth in our program.
- We have a lot more boys this year. They seem to be coming from ice hockey.
- We have 2 teams at each level or 1 large team.
- Using Total Turf weekly.
- March starts practices.
- Games are six weeks away.
- Coaches List submitted for approval.

Dana Tucci moved to approve Lacrosse's Coaches List, with the exception of Jessica Lasky, Kristina Maletteri, Kristin Seymour and Samantha Smith, who are pending Megan's Law certification. Brian DiLuigi seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

RUGBY:

- Registration is ongoing.
- We have 35 kids so far. Some are new, which is good.
- Our Flag Group is the biggest number.
- We are putting registration signs around town.
- We are hosting Girls Division B on the 29th.
- Coaches List submitted for approval – all are Megan's Law certified.
- We might have more coaches.

Dana Tucci moved to approve Rugby's Coaches List. Mike Makofka seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

SOCCER:

- March 1st the season starts for South Jersey Girls & Boys Soccer.
- EDP starts a week later.
- We are having a spring clinic and spring intramural again this year.
- 85 teams are registered so far for the Easter Tournament. We are trying to come up with a Black Friday Special.
- The required changes to age will change our Bylaws.
- Approval of Fundraiser Request – Easter Tournament
- Closed Session.

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

SOFTBALL:

- Registration closed the end of January, but we are keeping it open.
- It is up about 5% from last year.
- 14U we have 2 or 3 teams. We might have to put them in GSA Association again.
- Coaches List will be submitted.
- We will be ready to go in March.
- Brian McCaffery explained that the fields are usually turned over in the middle of February. However, this ice storm might not make this possible.

TENNIS:

- Many parents reached out about helping with the Tennis program to keep it alive.
- Dana and Jimmy had several meetings with them and were able to form a Board.
- Registration will open up on February 15th.
- Approval of new Board Members:
  William Haight – President
  Stacy Valerio – Vice President
  Mallory Heimlich – Secretary
  MaryBeth Klesh – Treasurer/Equipment Manager
  Thomas Mahoney – Scheduler
  George Klesh – Member At Large

Brian DiLuigi moved to approve Tennis' Board Members. Mike Makofka seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

TRACK AND FIELD: No one present. Ron sent Denise an email with an update.

- Registration is ongoing. Closes on February 27th.
- Coaches List will be submitted.
- We are still receiving new and old interest in coaching and board members.

WRESTLING: No one present. Frank sent Brian an email with an update.

- We are running in season. Snow has killed us. Three of seven league events and a State Qualifier were snowed out.
- Most regular season league events are done.
- Our Fisler Tournament is Saturday, targeting 700 wrestlers.
- Varsity League K-6 and 7th/8th grader end of season tournaments are Sunday away.
- Zero tolerance policy for snow in effect this weekend.
- Regarding the practice incident, suspension was levied, appeal heard, same suspension levied.
- Anticipate program Bylaw updates for the off-season regarding appeal process.
- Will request similar updates to SAB Bylaws for clarity moving forward.
- We added one program-wide event on February 22nd to make up for one of the snowed-out events. Our practices are extended to run through this date.
- Rescheduled our State Qualifier event for March 15th after being snowed out. Condensed practice schedule running through this date.
- The school had zero accommodations to provide for snowed-out events.
- Planning stages for our Freestyle/Greco State Qualifier for April and our end of season banquet.
- New Board Member:
  Phil Rinaldi – non voting member
  This does not need a Motion.

CHALLENGER DIVISION: No one present

CODE OF CONDUCT COMMITTEE:

A meeting with the Solicitor needs to be scheduled to review and change the Ordinance and Bylaws.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob Lister, from Monster Mini Golf, spoke to our Sports Presidents. They are a new business in the Township. They have another place in Cherry Hill. He is trying to promote the business and would like to give back to the community as well. They have a very large property, including party rooms. They will give discounts to the sports teams.

OLD BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT:

Dana Tucci moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Brian DiLuigi seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

CLOSED SESSION: Baseball
Soccer

NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 4, 2026