WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION
SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING: JANUARY 7, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Denise Kowalski, Secretary, at 7:02 p.m.

SAB members in attendance:

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

Sports representatives in attendance:

Baseball - Sam Scimeca
Basketball - Jim Hinkel
Cheerleading - Kristle Christo, Meghan Robertson, Alicia Deamer, Erin Wagner, Alysha Onesti, Diane Freidel-Levin, Lisa Lowery and Kaitlyn Colligan
Field Hockey - Cassie Tomczak, Shannon Mignone and Laura Schneider
Football - Mark Colligan
Lacrosse - Jeff DiBiaso and Chad Flexon
Rugby - Kevin Collins
Soccer - Roger McLarnon
Softball - Chris Bourquin and Dan Swift
Tennis - Jeff Christo
Track & Field - Ron Paglia
Wrestling - Frank Albright

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Dana Tucci moved to approve the Minutes from the November 5, 2025 Meeting. Mike Makofka seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

REORGANIZATION OF SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD:

President – Jimmy Gaskin
Vice-President – Dana Tucci

George Passante is the newest member to the Board.
All other members remain the same.

SPORTS BOARD LIAISONS:

Baseball – Brian McCaffery
Basketball – George Passante
Cheerleading – Jimmy Gaskin
Field Hockey – Dan Woodington
Football – Brian McCaffery
Lacrosse – Brian DiLuigi
Rugby – Mike Makofka
Soccer – Mike Makofka
Softball – Dana Tucci
Tennis – Dan Woodington
Track & Field – Jimmy Gaskin
Wrestling – Brian DiLuigi

MEETING DATES:

January 7 - Reorganization
February 4
March 4
April 1
May 6
June 3
No July meeting due to the 4th of July holiday
August 5
September 2
October 7
November 4
December 2 – Subject to change because of Council Meeting

CLOSED SESSION DATES:

January - None
February - Soccer
March - Cheerleading
April - None
May - Football
June - Basketball
July - None
August - Rugby and Tennis

September - Track & Field and Wrestling
October - Lacrosse
November - Baseball and Softball
December - Field Hockey

REPORTS OF SPORTS BOARDS:

BASEBALL:

- Registration is ongoing. Ends on February 28th.
- Winter Workouts start this Saturday, January 10th, for Travel.
- March 28th is Opening Day.
- Closed Session moved to February.

BASKETBALL:

- For Information Only:
  New Board Member
  Mike McCoy – Member at Large
  was approved, via email, on November 26, 2025
- Using BD 34 for refs.
- New scoreboard was installed at Chestnut Ridge.
- Approval of Intramural Head Coaches List – all Megan's Law certified
- Approval of Intramural Assistant Coaches List – all Megan's Law certified

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

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

CHEERLEADING:

- For Information Only:
  Three Fundraiser Requests:
  1. Dave & Busters was approved, via email, on November 14, 2025
  2. Holiday Shirts was approved, via email, on November 25, 2025
  3. Zeffy Donations for Nationals Competition registration fees and expenses for 80s Revolution Team, 95s Rebels Team, 110s Blaze Team, 125s Ignite Team was approved, via email, on November 26, 2025
- We ended our competition season on December 14th.
- 2025 competition highlights include:
  - Ignite 125s went undefeated and competed in the advanced division for the first time and missed advanced Grand Champs by less than 1 point under GT.
  - Rebels 95s won Judge's Choice at the Holiday Battle in Trenton.

    - Revolution 75s and Ignite 125s both took first place wins for the first time from Royal Revolution in the 3 years we've been competing there.
    - We traveled out of state for the first time to compete at Strath Haven High School in Wallingford, PA.
    - Two of our teams won At-Large Bids to The Nation's Champion in Orlando. Four of our teams plan on attending The Nation's Champion in Orlando on May 8th and 9th, 2026. The teams are either fundraising for their registration fees or paying them outright.
- We gained approval to hold extended season practices at Bank Bridge Elementary School, Bunker Hill Middle School and Washington Township High School.
- We are keeping a POD at Bunker Hill to store our mats.
- The POD at Hurffville got picked up during Christmas break.
- We held our uniform return two nights at the Senior Center in December and managed to get back 100% of our new uniforms.
- We will be holding our end of the year banquet on January 23rd at Masso's Orchard Garden in Glassboro.
- Thank you to the Park Rangers, Brian, Frank with Wrestling, Kevin Murphy and the Parks & Rec office for everything they did to help us with practice space with the largest number of teams we've ever had on the sidelines and competitions.
- Happy Retirement to Lisa and Nick.
- Approval of Fundraiser Request – Double Good Popcorn

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

FIELD HOCKEY:

- Season is over.
- End of the year banquet is February 22, 2025.
- Closed Session.

FOOTBALL:

- Season is over.
    - 8 teams made playoffs
    - 6 teams made the championship games
    - 4 teams won their championship games
- Equipment returns are scheduled.
- Complex has been shut down, unfortunately, another water pipe broke in the bathroom.
- Air conditioning is still broken, which is affecting the heat in the building.
- 2026 Bylaws will be sent by the end of the month. Only major change will by the implementation of the $200.00 registration fee approved last year.
- 2026 Fundraising Requests will be sent in for February's meeting.

- Approval of new Board Member:
  Kelly Harris – Assistant Fundraising & Sponsors
  Resume attached, Megan's Law certified

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

LACROSSE:

- Registration ends January 15th.
- End date for uniform ordering is January 20th.
- We are expecting growth again this year.
- With our growth of the program, Lacrosse would like to request exclusive access to Field 2 at Washington Lake Park.
- Little Scoopers program will start a little later.
- We are having a virtual coach's meeting tomorrow night.
- Will be using Total Turf again.

RUGBY:

- We are pushing for more registrations.
- We have 3 teams registered in New Jersey and 1 team registered in PA.
- Girls will have a full season.
- High School will have a full season.
- Permit pending for our signs.
- Coaches List is being finalized.

SOCCER:

- We had a coach's meeting last night to discuss the required changes to age requirements passed down from US Soccer and US Youth Soccer, et al. This changes eligibility status from birth year to a more aligned school year age group. Instead of birth year, the age groups will be as they were 7 years ago, such as U9, U10 etc. There will be complaints, but the coaches were very appreciative and supportive of the presentation. The parents will likely have more vocal concerns, but it's out of our hands. We anticipate a year of transition similar to what transpired about 7 years ago. The biggest benefit will be a team, that had mixed 7th and 8th graders moving on to high school, will not suffer having only 3 or 4 players not in high school that want to play. Teams will be playing together and graduating together, which lends itself to better cohesion for both club and high school play.
- Soccer has a new Board Secretary, Rick Wick, who was previously approved by SAB as a Member At Large. Steve Wooster moves from Secretary to Boys Club Director.

- The program is going to need to purchase some new clinic goals in the spring as many are breaking down. Getting pricing from New Age Powder Coating to refinish the rusty ones, but structurally sound goals.
- The program used TKI (The Keeper Institute) for goal keeper training, which was very successful. We will rehire them for the spring.
- We will be sending in another Raffle Fundraiser since Soccer now owns a License.
- Winter training starts at Total Turf in January and runs through February.
- Getting ready for spring soccer season and will coordinate with Lisa's successor on field space.
- We will also get in the School Usage Forms to utilize, thankfully, the school fields to supplement Washington Lake Park.

SOFTBALL:

- Registration is ongoing, still have 3 weeks to go.
- It is up about 5% from last year.
- We are heavier on the younger ages and lighter on the older ages.
- Still working on getting coaches for the season.
- USA Softball and GSA Leagues are going through an age adjustment.
- The barn is open for travel and high school captains' practices.
- Closed Session

TENNIS:

- Jeff Christo, the President of Tennis, is resigning.
- We will put out a blast on our website and social medial pages that Tennis is looking for someone to run the program this season.
- If need be, Jeff will reserve the courts for the season and set up the online registration program.
- Jeff does believe tennis balls need to be ordered.
- He will help whoever takes over the program.

TRACK AND FIELD:

- Off season.
- Registration opened on January 1st and closes on February 27th.
- Late registration is February 23rd through February 27th with the $10.00 late fee.

WRESTLING:

- We are mid season.
- There is a meet this Sunday, January 11th.
- Events are planned.
- Practices will run through Youth States, which is March 20th.

CHALLENGER DIVISION: No one present

CODE OF CONDUCT COMMITTEE:

All sports must send to Denise their Code of Conduct representative for 2026.

Mark Colligan, President of the Code of Conduct Committee, would like to meet with the Mayor and Solicitor to share concerns that the Committee has. They feel that the Conduct of Conduct Ordinance needs to be reviewed and changed, along with the Code of Conduct Committee's Bylaws. They are volunteers imposing very harsh punishments. They are not comfortable with this.

Denise will send an email to the Mayor and Solicitor asking for a meeting with the Code of Conduct Committee to change the Ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion about trying to promote a golf program within the town. Maybe a Spring Clinic to be held at our golf course or even a rec program.

2. There was a conversation with Kevin Murphy about trying to bring the high school programs together with the rec and travel programs. We need to formulate some type of relationship with our rec and travel programs to our high school sports programs.

   The high school coaches should be more involved with our youth sports programs. They should cater to the middle school kids in 6th, 7th and 8th grade, in our rec and travel programs, to help keep them going to our high school instead of out of town.

OLD BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT:

Dana Tucci moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Brian DiLuigi seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

CLOSED SESSION: Baseball moved to February
Softball
Field Hockey
Cheer Board

NEXT MEETING IS FEBRUARY 4, 2025