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

The meeting was called to order by Jimmy Gaskin, President, at 7:05 p.m.

SAB members in attendance:

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

Sports representatives in attendance:

Baseball - Sam Scimeca
Cheerleading - Kristle Christo and Meghan Robertson
Football - Mark Colligan
Rugby - Kevin Collins
Soccer - Roger McLarnon and Gina Heil
Wrestling - Frank Albright

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Dana Tucci moved to approve the Minutes from the February 4, 2026 Meeting. Dan Woodington seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

REPORTS OF SPORTS BOARDS:

BASEBALL:

- Registration is closed. Close to 1000 kids.
- 68 total teams.
- Opening Day is March 28th.
- Social is March 20th at The Forum.
- Approval of Fundraiser Request – Monster Golf Discount Packages

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

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

- Travel Updates:
  Girls:
  1. 4th and 8th grade teams finished regular season in first place.
  2. Both 4th and 8th grade teams made it to the Championship Game to be played Saturday, March 7th (4th grade) and Sunday, March 8th (8th grade).
  3. 6th grade team made it to the Final Four of their league.

  Boys:
  1. 5A and 7B teams made it to the semifinals, both teams losing close games.
  2. 5A and 6A teams won the Marty Duerer Holiday Tournament.
- Intramural Leagues:
  1. Playoffs are on-going.
  2. Most leagues are having championship and ASG this week.
  3. Older leagues have championship and ASG next week.
  4. First year using Board 34 for referees went relatively well.
- Suspensions YTD (thru 3/4/26):
  Six suspensions YTD – 2 coaches, 3 players, 1 parent
  1. One coach/two players suspended one game each for having two technical fouls in same league in same season.
  2. One coach (six games) and one player (four games) suspended for violation of multiple Bylaws.
  3. Parent suspended for remainder of the season and submitted to Code of Conduct for their review.
- Registration has opened for skill sessions to be held April and May, at Orchard Valley Middle School, for girls in 3rd thru 8th grades. Looking at having some high school players help with the sessions. As of March 3rd, over 30 girls have registered.

CHEERLEADING:

- We are in our extended season, with four teams practicing at Bank Bridge, Bunker Hill and WTHS (dates have been pushed back due to weather and winter season extensions).
- Currently looking for a gym to replace the high school and CAC (thank you Frank).
- Bylaws submitted with additional changes – First Reading
- Approval of new Board Members:
  Meghan Robertson – President
  Alysha Onesti – Vice President
  Lisa Marie Lowery – Secretary
  Kristle Christo – Treasurer
  Lauren Giantonnio – Equipment Coordinator
  Lindsay Brigandi – Assistant Equipment Coordinator
  Michaela Paris – Facilities Coordinator
  Erin Wagner – Fundraising Coordinator
  Amber Fego – Assistant Fundraising Coordinator

Angelina Locantore – Social Media Manager
Jamie Popeskic – Attendance Officer
Alicia Deamer – Junior Coach Liaison
Kaitlyn Colligan – Football Liaison
All Megan's Law certified

- Closed Session.

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

FIELD HOCKEY: No one present.

FOOTBALL:

- Off season.
- Sign ups for 2026 will start April 1st.
- Bylaw Revisions – Second Reading
  1. Registration fee increase from $150.00 to $200.00

Dana Tucci moved to approve Football's increase in registration fee. Mike Makofka seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

2. Eliminating Assistant Treasurer from Board
3. Giving voting rights to Snack Stand Coordinator

Brian McCaffery moved to approve Football eliminating Assistant Treasurer from Board and giving voting rights to Snack Stand Coordinator. Dana Tucci seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

4. Playing time on JV teams
5. Equipment rental cost from $50 to $25 and non-refundable

Dana Tucci moved to approve Football's playing time on JV teams and reducing equipment rental cost from $50.00 to $25.00, but non-refundable. George Passante seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

LACROSSE: No one present. Jeff sent Denise an email with an update.

- We are now in season as practices started this week.
- We would like to thank the SAB and soccer for working with us on field availability.
- Approval of Coaches Jessica Lasky and Kristin Seymour, who are now Megan's Law certified.

Dan Woodington moved to approve Lacrosse's Coaches Jessica Lasky and Kristin Seymour. Dana Tucci seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

RUGBY:

- Registration is still open, hoping for more sign-ups.
- Started indoor practices at Rostelli's because Johnson Road is a swamp. These are for HS and Juniors (Boys and Girls).
- We now have 58 kids signed up. Our Flag Group is the biggest number.
- Our first Girls game is March 22nd away.
- Our first home game is March 29th – Twp vs. Bosco Prep Varsity.
- We might be getting more coaches. We have been contacted by a group of people who played Rugby in the past and are interested in helping out.
- Approval of additional Coach Ronald Bonilla, Megan's Law certified.

Dana Tucci moved to approve Rugby's additional coach. Dan Woodington seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

SOCCER:

- Soccer season has started, although the weather has pushed the start of the Girls SJGSL back to March 14. Boys SJBSL started some games, while most are pushed back to next week and possibly the week after that.
- A problem is that intramural basketball is now competing with soccer season for games due to weather and weekend games.
- The program has announced tryouts for the fall season and are posted on the website. As indicated and discussed at the last SAB Meeting, the new age groups are mandatory starting in the fall, with the age cutoff of July 31st. This actually coincides with the expiration of player passes.
- The program is going to need to purchase some new Clinic goals next spring as many are breaking down. Getting pricing from New Age Powder Coating to refinish the rusty ones, but structurally sound goals.
- The program is cooperating with Lacrosse and TWP in space allocation and we are grateful for that.
- The program used TKI for goal keeper training for 8 weeks. This was very successful and will rehire them for the spring.
- Winter training has ended effectively last week. Outdoor turf space started March 2nd.
- Getting ready for spring soccer season and will coordinate with Barbara Moore on field space.
- We need some warm, sunny, non humid days this week to help dry out these fields.
- We have selected Improve A Lawn to treat Levy and SJ Turf to treat County House, which will be run through the Township via the Co-op.

- We are soliciting quotes for the cleaning of County House and WLP for the Easter Tournament. We had an issue of the cleaning crew not showing up for the Easter Tournament last year.
- Township has scheduled port-o-pots for County House and Levy. County House is until the threat of a freeze has passed.
- The Easter Tournament is Thursday April 2nd through Saturday April 4th. There are 125 teams registered so far.
- Bylaw Revisions – First Reading

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

- Registration closed the end of January. The waiting list is now open.
- It is up about 5% from last year. However, the older age group numbers are lighter and the younger age groups are larger.
- All age groups are large enough to have an in-house league without traveling, except for the 18U league, where there was not enough players to form a league. If age is close enough, players are being moved down to the 14U league, forming a 15U league as done last year.
- Opening Night is scheduled for Monday, April 13th.
- Travel teams will be vacating the barn on weeknights next week to make room for the rec teams use of the facility.
- Approval for renovations to the softball barn and to purchase turf.
- Head Coaches List submitted for approval.

Dana Tucci moved to approve Softball's renovations to the softball barn and to purchase turf. George Passante seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

Dana Tucci moved to approve Softball's Head Coaches List, with the exception of Lori Thompson and Dina Hartnett, who are pending Megan's Law certification. Dan Woodington seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

TENNIS: No one present. Dana had an update.

- Registration opened up February 15th.
- We are in conversation with MBM and Gianna from Parks & Rec to purchase uniforms.

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

- Registration closed on February 27th.
- Season opens up March 9th.
- Coaches List submitted for approval.

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

WRESTLING:

- Regular season is done.
- 3 events remaining:
  1. Folkstyle State Qualifier is March 15th
  2. End of the year Banquet is March 27th
  3. International Qualifier is March 29th
- Off season planning has begun, including working with the HS program, MS program plans and practice facility plans.
- New Board Member:
  Kelly Harris – non-voting member

CHALLENGER DIVISION: No one present

CODE OF CONDUCT COMMITTEE:

There has been communication with the Township Solicitor. At the next SAB Meeting, we will discuss how the Code of Conduct will be handled.

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT:

Dana Tucci moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Mike Makofka seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

CLOSED SESSION: Cheerleading

NEXT MEETING IS APRIL 1, 2026