Washington Township Parks and Recreation

SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of October 5, 2011 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Rich Silvesti at 7:20 p.m. in the Washington Township Municipal Building.

SAB members in attendance:
Lisa Collins
Shawn Kraemer
Rich Silvesti
Steve Turdo
Steve Vitola

Sport Board members in attendance:
Baseball – Trish Chelston and Al Piccoli
Basketball – Steve DiGiulio
Cheerleading – Chrissy Kuss
Field Hockey – Mary Lou Spencer
Football – Paul Heston
Lacrosse – Randy Cross
Soccer - Lori McEntee
Softball – Joelle M. Rossi and Maggie Woodward
Track and Field – Kevin Mayer
Wrestling – Chris Bechler and Lori McEntee

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lisa Collins moved to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2011 meeting.
The motion received a second and the minutes were approved.

FOOTBALL
-It was brought to the SAB's attention that Youth Basketball tryouts conflict with Football practices for a big game the same week. The SAB suggested the Football team switch a night of practice so players wishing to tryout could attend one of the tryouts. Attending only one tryout for a Travel Basketball team is all that is necessary.
-The Breast Cancer Awareness Fundraiser raised $400.00 with the selling of pink ribbons and pink socks. Players are going to wear pink socks during the month of October.
-The Veterans' Bowl was a huge success. Football thanked the Township for their help with the clean-up.

LACROSSE
-Everything going well with clinics.
-It was brought to the SAB's attention that the people who play Cricket near the Lacrosse area are driving across the Lacrosse fields and leaving big ruts. The group is not receptive to the Lacrosse's request to have them not drive over the fields. The SAB suggested the next time it happens the Police should be called.
-The wall has been vandalized. The Township has been notified.

SOCCER
-People coming to the County House Fields are not parking in the lot. They are parking along the lane leading to the fields. Police will be notified.
-Three (3) teams in the Fall Soccer program are in their third level of a State Cup Competition.
-All Star games are this weekend.
-Presentation of Ed Guetens as Field Coordinator

> *The Sports Advisory Board moved to approve the appointment of Ed Guetens to the Soccer Advisory Board in the position of Fields Coordinator. The motion received a second and was approved.*

-Field #8 at Washington Lake Park is down for the season. The water table is too high causing the field to be saturated with water.

SOFTBALL
-The 2012 bylaws were presented for their first reading.
-Renee Iannace resigned from the Softball Advisory Board.
-Two (2) people have applied for the two (2) openings.
-The Softball Board would like to raise registrations fees due to the increase in umpire fees. They propose the 5, 6 and 7 year olds be raised $5 to $60; 8-9 year olds to $80 from $75, and an increase of $10 for the 10-18 year old age groups – 10-12 year olds would go from $75 to $85 and the 13-18 year olds from $100 to $110.
-There are 12 teams playing Fall Softball on one (1) field. Travel teams are forced to practice 8-10 p.m. The SAB recommended that Softball contact Sean Hoffman from Soccer regarding field availability for Softball.

TRACK AND FIELD
-2012 bylaws were presented for their second reading

> *Steve Turdo moved to approve the 2012 Track and Field Bylaws. The motion received a second and was approved.*

-The Board is hoping to sponsor a 5K Run in the spring. More details will be forthcoming.

WRESTLING
-Online registration is now being accepted until October 31st. The Board will hold a sign-up at the Football Field. During the last week of October, walk-in registration will be available at the Parks and Recreation office. Checks or cash are only accepted during this week. Late sign-ups begin November 1st.
-The program joined a new Wrestling League – NJ Duals League.
-Program concerned about the CAC Building. They were told that the complex is up for sale. Wrestling will begin looking for another facility to use in case the complex is sold.

CHEERLEADING
-Rain has been hindering outdoor practices.
-Cold Stone fundraiser went well
-900 items for Mother's Cupboard were collected and prizes were awarded.
-The competition squad will compete in November.

FOOTBALL
-An incident with a Golf Cart at the Football Complex resulted in no major injuries. However, Football was told to report the incident to Parks and Recreation and fill out the appropriate paperwork and obtain insurance information.

FIELD HOCKEY

-The Board held a meeting last week and worked on their bylaws which are 2/3 completed.
-Season going well. Jr. League was to play at Medford the past two (2) weeks but unable to due to rain.

YOUTH BASKETBALL

-In person registration took place at the Parks and Recreation the last week in September.
1650 registered so far this year. 1830 had registered for the 2011 season.
-Girls Travel Team tryouts start next week; Boys Travel Team tryouts, the following week.
-Preseason workouts for 5th to 8th grade students had 14-20 girls and 20 boys turn out.
-Basketball requested the approval of Steve Petner and Joe Meintel as travel team coaches.

> *Steve Vitola moved to approve Basketball Travel Coaches, Steve Petner and Joe Meintel. The motion received a second and was approved.*

-Nick Sapanaro stepped down from the position of Girls Intramural Director. Position will be advertised.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Mary Schneider, Secretary