

Washington Township Parks and Recreation

SPORT ADVISORY BOARD

*Meeting of August 3, 2011*

The meeting was called to order by Rich Silvesti, Vice President, at 7:05 p.m. in the Washington Township Municipal Building.

SAB members in attendance:

Lisa Collins  
Shawn Kraemer  
Rich Silvesti  
Steve Turdo  
Steve Vitola

Sports Board members in attendance:

Baseball – Al Piccoli  
Basketball – Steve DiGiulio  
Field Hockey – Charlie Muracco, Mary Lou Spencer  
Football – Paul Heston  
Lacrosse – Tom Bonerbo, Scott Burns, Randy Cross, Roe Raspanti  
Softball – Renee Iannace, Bill Neimeister  
Soccer – Kevin O’Neill  
Track and Field – Mark Meddings

SAB Liaison from Council – Scott Newman

**MINUTES OF JULY 2011 MEETING:**

*Steve Vitola moved to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2011 meeting. The motion received a second and was approved.*

**CHEERLEADING:**

No one from this board was present due to the first night of Cheerleading Practices.

**FIELD HOCKEY:**

- Still working on bylaws. The board will use the ones currently in place.
- Resumes of board members were approved.
- First practice was last Sunday.
- Program is having a difficult time getting coaches and volunteers  
5th and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teams as well as the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams need coaches.
- Several students from the high school have volunteered to help with the teams.
- Kevin Murphy, WTHS Athletic Director has been contacted and use of the turf field has been scheduled. The program will use the turf field Sunday mornings for practices and Sunday afternoons for games.
- Second, third and fourth graders will travel to Medford.
- Lacrosse only lost one (1) player from last year’s program.
- Bruster’s Ice Cream fundraiser was approved by SAB phone vote.
- Program would also like to have team sponsors @\$100.00 per sponsor to help pay for new goalie equipment and goggles for all the players which are now required.
- Charlie Muracco plans to be a past President by November.

-Coaches list must be submitted.

### **LACROSSE:**

-Officers will remain the same. They have two (2) year terms.

-The next Board meeting is September 12<sup>th</sup>.

-The program had a very successful year with the South Jersey Youth Lacrosse League. Two (2) out of four (4) officers on that board are from Washington Township.

-The Township's Engineer did not have time to meet with Randy. The engineer had looked at it before and did not know how much could be done to the field, but will look at it again before the new season.

### **SOCCER:**

-Drafts are underway for the Clinic and Intramural programs. All teams will have been drafted by next week except the 14-17 year old leagues which will draft the end of the month due to high school drafts.

- Travel teams are practicing.

-Candy and MBM Fundraisers have been approved by an SAB email vote.

-Resume of Stephen Capriotti, Jr. has been approved by an SAB email vote.

-Coaches lists were presented.

*Steve Vitola moved to approve the Intramural Boys and Girls coaches with the exception of those pending Megan's Law approval. The motion received a second and was approved.*

-The Soccer Board held a camp at County House sponsored by an outside entity. Checks were made payable to this company and the company's web site offered the program to the public. This camp falls under Section #4 of the Field/Facility Use Policy. Parks and Recreation needs to know where to send the bill for this field usage.

### **SOFTBALL:**

-The spring season is over for 2011.

-Travel team coaches are the same as last year, but must be submitted again.

-Fall Ball will run September through November.

-The new President of the Softball Board is Joelle Rossi, Bill Morgan remains Treasurer. Renee Iannace will remain on the board.

-Softball wants to run the Phillies Fundraiser again, but needs to submit form to SAB. They would once again get a lower priced package and raffle it off at \$5.00 a chance. 2010 profit was between \$14,000 and \$15,000.

-Bill Neimeister read a note from a member of the 12U GSA team who is suffering from cancer thanking the Softball Board for the Kindle and Kindle gift card.

-12U Comets team went to nationals and finished 8<sup>th</sup> out of 66 teams. They were the only NJ team there.

-A company has approached Softball to run a tournament using our fields. The tournament will be open to outside teams with the company collecting all the fees. Softball will be given \$1,000 and have their registration fees waived. Discussion followed as to whether it falls under #3 or #4 on the Field/Facility Use Ordinance. The SAB stated it falls under #4 and the company would have to pay to use the fields.

### **TRACK AND FIELD:**

-Two (2) members of the program qualified to go to New Orleans this week to compete.

-The installation of a safety net is underway at the high school. The Purchase Order was approved and they hope to have the net up before school starts.

### **WRESTLING:**

No one from this program was present.

**BASEBALL:**

- Fall Ball registration is now taking place and has been extended to August 15<sup>th</sup>. One outside team from Pine Hill will be permitted to register. They have supplied a Certificate of Insurance.
- Coaches list for Fall Ball must be submitted to the SAB.
- A couple of teams went to State Finals. A 12 year old team did not make it to Regionals. A 13 year old team made it to the Regionals and may go to the Cal Ripkin/Babe Ruth World Series.

**BASKETBALL:**

- A \$10.00 increase of registration fees was requested to cover the cost of gym fees. This increase was suggested by Kathy Wenzel, Program Coordinator with WTPR as the Trust Fund account has a low balance.

*Steve Vitola moved to approve the request to raise Basketball registration fees \$10.00 to cover the cost of gym usage. The motion received a second and was approved.*

- There has been a good response to the ads for travel team coaches. However, the program still needs 6A and 8B coaches.
- The program would like to have open gym time for players wishing to work out to prepare for travel team tryouts. Players would have to be registered. School paperwork will be submitted.

**FOOTBALL:**

- Recent Golf Outing netted a profit of \$6500.
- Tickets for the GMAC/Buick Onclave giveaway should be able to realize a potential profit of \$10,000. 2,000 tickets are supplied by GMAC/Buick for the program to sell at \$5.00 each. GMAC/Buick is also giving the program banners to display on the field, 5 gallon containers, and coaches' bags. The second place winner is awarded a Barbecue.
- The 120# players of the Patriots and Minutemen will practice together.
- Bylaws

*Steve Vitola moved to approve the 2011 Football Bylaws. The motion received a second and was approved.*

**OTHER:**

**FIELD/FACILITY ORDINANCE:**

- The matter concerning the Softball Tournament will be discussed with the Township's Solicitor.

**WT NEWS BY GLOUCESTER COUNTY TIMES**

- This new publication wants WT news such as team news, events, etc. More information to follow.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Mary Schneider, Secretary

