

Washington Township Parks and Recreation
SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of September 7, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President, John Daly, at 7:03 p.m. at the Washington Township Municipal Building.

SAB Members in attendance:

Lisa Collins
John Daly
Shawn Kraemer
Rich Silvesti
Steve Turdo
Steve Vitola

SAB Liaison in attendance:

Scott Newman

Sports Boards in attendance:

Basketball – Steve DiGiulio, Greg Eliason
Field Hockey – Charlie Muracco, Mary Lou Spencer
Football – Paul Heston
Lacrosse – Randy Cross, Roe Raspanti
Soccer – Marc Gallo
Softball – Joelle Rossi
Track and Field – Kathy Hohmon, Kevin Kershaw, Mark Meddings

Also in attendance:

Michele Caffrey – Gloucester County Times

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Steve Vitola moved to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2011 meeting. The motion received a second and was approved.

Michele Caffrey from the Gloucester County Times was present to introduce a new publication from the Times. It will be a weekly newspaper, Washington Township Times, with only WT news. The Times would like to have sport photos, news, stories for this edition. The paper will be delivered through the mail on Fridays to every residence. It is a free newspaper. The first issue will be October 7th. Deadline for releases is Tuesday afternoon. Jessica Beym is the editor and has been with the GCT for 5 years. Email the info to twptimes@sjnewsco.com or mcaffrey@sjnewsco.com

FIELD HOCKEY:

-John Daly will be the SAB liaison to this board.

- Meetings are held the last Monday of each month, 8 pm at Charlie Muracco's office.
- Games will be held September 18 through November 6, 2011.
- They are in the process of redoing their bylaws.
- The program uses the WTHS Turf Field on Sundays. Practices are in the morning, with games in the afternoon.
- The fundraiser – working concession at a Home Show – was approved by an email vote.
- Coaches List was also approved by an email vote.
- Information on a water bottle fundraiser will be sent to the SAB for approval.

FOOTBALL:

- Paul Heston expressed their board's thanks to the WT Public Work employees that prepared the fields for the Veterans' Bowl.
- Due to the weather, the Veterans' Bowl and photos were rescheduled for September 25th.
- They have launched a new website: wtfootball.org
- Football held an ice cream social and movie night at Washington Lake Park. 400 were in attendance. The event was held to bring both the Patriot and Minutemen together socially. It was not meant to be a money maker.
- Weigh-Ins will be held this coming weekend. The Junior High Level will be weighed in Friday night. The rest of the players will be weighed-in on Saturday.
- Fundraiser with Pellegrino Auto is proving to be successful with only 93 out of 2000 tickets left to sell.
- Football requested approval of a Dairy Queen fundraiser to be held on Monday, October 10th, 11 am to 2 pm. 15% of sales during that hour will go to Football.

Lisa Collins moved to approve the Dairy Queen Fundraiser to be held on Monday, October 10th proceeds being used for Field House repairs. The motion received a second and was approved.

LACROSSE

- Johnson Road fields made it through Hurricane Irene and have dried out. The board paid to have a landscaper cut the grass.
- Fall Clinics will start this weekend – Girls on Saturdays; Boys on Sundays. This clinic is only for boys and girls that participated in the 2010 season.
- Flyers are being prepared to distribute to gym classes. The flyer is awaiting approval from the WTBOE Superintendent.
- One (1) Port-A-Pot will be put on the Johnson Road fields in the Spring. They are concerned about vandalism
- A Fall Lacrosse Program is taking place in Clarksboro.

SOCCER

- Joelle Rossi, President and Maggie Woodward, Acting Secretary met with Mary and Kathy at WTPR and presented an agenda for the entire year.
- Fall Softball will start September 7th. A light schedule was forwarded to Ken.
- Travel team coaches and assistants were given a detailed "Responsibility List".

-Phillies fundraiser. Tickets have yet to be purchased. They had hoped to get season tickets but will have to settle for possibly a 6 pack. Raffle tickets would be sold at \$5.00 from March 24 through April 21, 2012 with the winner being announced on Opening Day.

Steve Vitola moved to approve the Phillies Fundraiser Raffle with proceeds to be used to their maintain facility, upgrade fields and purchase equipment. The motion received a second and was approved.

-Photos with Santa. In an effort to market the Softball facility, Softball would like to hold this event charging \$1.00 per child and requiring an RSVP due to Fire Code restrictions. They would like to distribute flyers to children in Kindergarten. It would be held on December 3 and are hoping 200 children will attend. They do not expect to make a profit.

Lisa Collins moved to approve Photos with Santa to be held at the Softball facility on December 3, 2011 for young children in order to market the program and its facility. The motion received a second and was approved.

-The Fall Softball coaches' list was presented for approval. Marc Rossi was added as the coach of the 12U girls' team.

Steve Vitola moved to approve the Fall Softball coaches list. The motion received a second and was approved.

-There are no new board members. Katie Fitzpatrick is on the waiting list for a non-voting position. SAB reminded Softball they must advertise for all open positions.

-Next Softball meeting is October 12th.

-Bylaws will be presented in November for the first reading.

TRACK AND FIELD

-Bylaw changes and financials will be reviewed in Closed Session.

WRESTLING – No one present from this board.

BASEBALL - No one present from this board.

BASKETBALL

-Registration began September 1.

-Board members Rock Siravo and Barry Galasso are switching positions. There is one Coordinator Position open for the Intramural Program.

-Travel Team tryouts will be held the same weeks as 2010.

-Board received numerous resumes for the 4th Grade Level Travel Coach. Coach will be picked at the September Board meeting.

CHEERLEADING – No one present from this board due to Exhibition in WLP tonight.

NEW BUSINESS:

Prevention and Treatment of Sports Related Concussions and Head Injuries

-Washington Township Board of Education adopted a policy and regulation for players, coaches and parents.

They require all athletes, trainers and coaches to participate in a half hour training program.

Every child and parent is required to sign form.

-WTPR Football already has this program in place. This year they opened it up to the other sports to attend.

-It is recommended that all boards give out the web site [cdc.gov\concussions](http://cdc.gov/concussions) and have it viewed by all those involved in sports programs.

Donation of Fields by Virtua

-The fields have finally been given to the Township as Soccer Fields. The fields would not be ready for play for another 2 years. Irrigation will be installed and the grass requires three (3) growing seasons.

Field Hockey

-Proper paper work will be submitted for Water Bottle fundraiser.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.

Mary Schneider, Secretary