

Washington Township Parks and Recreation
SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD

*Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2011*

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

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

SAB Members in attendance

Lisa Collins
John Daly
Shawn Kraemer
Rich Silvesti
Steve Vitola

Sport Board Members in attendance:

Baseball – Trish Chelston, Sam Scimeca
Basketball – Steve DiGiulio
Cheerleading – Carolyn Webster and Christine Kuss
Football – Paul Heston
Lacrosse – Scott Burns and Ro Raspanti
Soccer – Kevin O’Neill
Softball – Bruce Frazer, Renee Iannace, Bill Morgan
Track and Field – Kevin Kershaw
Wrestling – Chris Bechler

Town Council Liaison: Scott Newman

Meeting Minutes:

Steve Vitola moved to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2011 meeting. The motion received a second and was approved.

BASEBALL:

- Registration is still going on with a cut off of February 15th for regular registration.
- Committees are in place.
- Travel teams are practicing indoors.
- Tryouts to be held in March for District Teams.
- Navy teams will play a 12 game season in the TSE League beginning the end of April to the end of the season in addition to tournaments. Travel teams usually go to one or two tournaments.
- Opening Day will be April 2nd with games starting the following Saturday.
- John Yurkow wants to hold a coaches clinic charging \$25 per coach. Since the field/facility fees have not been approved yet, this clinic can be held without field fees being charged.
- St. Augustine High School has asked to do a fundraiser at the complex on April 12th with money being donated to Breast Cancer. Umpires will donate their time. Field in back of complex can be used. Once ordinance is in place, only Town Council will be able to waive fees.
- Phillies tickets are being printed with raffle and ticket numbers on each one. There are two (2) prizes - Sunday plan which includes 20 tickets plus parking and a 6 game pack. 5,000 tickets will be printed.

CHEERLEADING:

- Bylaws presented for first reading.
- Board has open positions – Treasurer and Secretary
- Registrations will be held in April and June.
- The program will start August 1st.

FIELD HOCKEY – No one present from this board.

FOOTBALL:

- Meeting cancelled due to weather.
- Changes to program need to be made. There will only be one (1) 120# team. Other levels will have to change as well.
- A parent meeting will be held on Thursday, February 3rd with one (1) parent from each family invited to attend.
- Another area to be addressed is that there are not enough volunteers for the snack stand, weigh-ins and clean up.
- Cost to fix heater is expensive.
- At the football banquet, plaques were awarded to Neil McGee 105 Minutemen and Collin Montek 105 Patriots.

LACROSSE:

- Registration will end February 4th.
- The Board will hold a meeting on February 7th to finalize teams and coaches. The program will have the same boys and girls coaches as last year.
- The Board is asking high school players to donate their old equipment to younger players. Equipment can be dropped off at the meeting. All equipment will be checked out. Equipment will be given out on a first come first serve basis. The registration fee only covers shirt, shorts, insurance, and referee fees.
- The board is making changes to their bylaws at their February 7th meeting.
- First meeting will be at the Turf Field at WTHS on the weekend of February 26/27. All players will meet and then disperse to their regular fields – Johnson Road, Orchard Valley Middle School or the Football complex. Younger groups need modified field 50' x 80'. Lacrosse must vacate Football complex by May 1st so the field can be worked on for Football.
- The Armark fundraiser requires the program to have 501(c)3 status. It was suggested they talk with basketball.

SOCCER:

- Spring registration now going on for travel and clinic programs.
- The coaches meeting was held last night.
- There are five (5) more teams in the spring than in the fall due to older player teams that only play in the spring.
- Clinic goals are still out on school fields.
- Doug Gray's resume was reviewed for the position of Field Coordinator. Only one (1) resume was submitted. The board had someone else interested, but they never submitted a resume.

Steve Vitola moved to approve the appointment of Doug Gray to the position of Field Coordinator on the Soccer Advisory Board. The motion received a second and was approved.

- Still awaiting approval for the Easter Tournament to be held April 23rd.
- Travel teams will start the first weekend in March.
- A team that left last year came back this year – U11. If under United, the team can come back as a whole team.

SOFTBALL:

- Registration ended on January 31st with just fewer than 600 registered. Calls were made to girls that played last year that have yet to register this year.
- Drafts to be held the third week in February. Program will start in April.
- Coaches lists will be emailed for approval.
- Opening Day will be April 30th.
- They have an open board position and a candidate to fill it. Softball was reminded that the resume must be submitted to the SAB for approval.
- 16U Wildcats team folded. The board is working with Shawn Kraemer and parents to have things straightened out. There will be a meeting on February 8th.
- Phillies Fundraiser. Softball has a 12 game plan package. This package has seats at various locations. Each girl will be given 10 tickets to sell at \$5.00 each and they will be sold 2 weeks in March. Baseball will get a jump start to sell their tickets and Softball will start their sales 2 weeks later. Baseball will award the prize on Opening Day, April 2nd. Tickets will be handed out at the drafts in March. Softball will wait until March 15 to start sale of their raffle tickets.

Shawn Kraemer moved to approve the Phillies ticket raffle fundraisers for both Baseball and Softball. Baseball will sell their raffle tickets for \$10.00 each and Softball \$5.00 each. Softball will start the sale of their tickets on March 15th. The motion received a second and was approved.

TRACK AND FIELD:

- 40 registered at Track and Field's first sign up. In person registration will take place at the Parks and Recreation Office beginning February 14th for one (1) week. Last registration will be held on February 19th with a Board Meeting to follow.
- Spirit Wear fundraiser is open February 12 thru 19th.
- Coaches list will be presented at the next SAB Meeting, March 2nd.

WRESTLING:

- The season is winding down.
- They are preparing for the Eleventh Annual Fisler Memorial Tournament to be had on February 6th.
- Joey Chelston placed first in the South Jersey State Championships and Nick Flamma and Jason Bechler both placed third.

BASKETBALL:

- The season is half way through. Four (4) days were lost to snow and some games were able to be rescheduled.
- So far this season there have been 2 suspensions.
- The photo fundraiser is down \$1100 dollars from last year. Photos had to be cancelled half way through one session due to the snow.
- Board had to reschedule their meeting due to the weather.

OLD BUSINESS:

CODE OF CONDUCT:

- Carolyn Webster and Chrissy Kuss will represent Cheerleading on this committee.
- Committee should meet briefly to select a Chairman.

FIELD/FACILITY FEES:

- Scott Newman has been meeting with the new council member to go over proposal for outside organizations to pay to use Township owned fields and facilities. This policy may be on the February 20th Council Meeting Agenda.

MEGAN'S LAW

Mary Schneider, SAB Secretary, spoke with Mrs. Maureen Kanka recently and was told due to new grant funding laws, Washington Township Parks and Recreation may be eligible for another year of funding. We will find out in June.

FUNDRAISER CHECK LIST

Steve Vitola moved to approve the Sport Boards' Fundraiser Check list. The motion received a second and was approved.

-All sport boards were reminded that no fundraisers will be approved without this form.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Mary Schneider, SAB Secretary