

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION
Sports Advisory Board

Minutes of March 2, 2011 Meeting

Meeting was called to order by President, John Daly, at 7:02 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
Mike Mullin
Rich Silvesti
Steve Turdo
Steve Vitola

Sports Board members in attendance:

Baseball – Trish Chelston, Sam Scimeca
Basketball – Steve DiGuilio
Cheerleading – Angela, DiMaggio, Chrissy Kuss, Carolyn Webster
Football – Paul Heston
Lacrosse – Randy Cross, Rosemarie Raspanti
Track and Field – Kevin Kershaw
Wrestling – Trish Chelston

Sports Advisory Board Liaison in attendance

Scott Newman

Other attendees:

Bob Maloney – American Legion Baseball

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Lisa Collins moved to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2011 meeting. The motion received a second with two (2) abstentions (Mike Mullin and Steve Turdo were not in attendance at that meeting). The motion passed.

BASEBALL:

- The first draft was last night with the last draft will take place on March 10th. All coaches in place. All coaches are Megan's Law approved or in the process.
- Coaches list presented for approval.
- Practices will start March 14th. Opening Day will be on April 2 with a Pitch, Hit and Run program.
- All Phillies fundraiser tickets are out. Players to turn in money and stubs at the first practice.
- Baseball would like to do pictures and online apparel fundraisers. Fundraiser request forms must be completed.
- 15 year old District team will participate in Summer Baseball Tournaments sponsored by TSE.
- Fall Ball has been set up.
- All tryouts must be advertised and open to all Township residents.
- Baseball questioned the SAB policy regarding children playing on a township team and an outside team.

SAB will address this issue and have an answer before the next meeting.

-Field Usage for Fundraiser for Breast Cancer. An outside organization, St. Augustine's, wants to hold a baseball tournament fundraiser using WT fields with all profits going to Breast Cancer. A Field Usage Policy is now in front of Council for their second reading. SAB will need to check to see who has the power to waive or alter fees charged for use of WT facilities.

BASKETBALL

-Playoffs started last week. End of season should be the middle of March.

-Updated suspension list will be forwarded to SAB members. Referees are enforcing rules regarding unacceptable language during the games. 14 suspensions for this reason have been made in 2 weeks – all players.

-Bylaws changes will be presented at the March SAB meeting.

FIELD HOCKEY - No one present from this board

-Charlie Muracco is in the process of finding a replacement to head this program.

FOOTBALL

-Football bylaws were reviewed. No standards in bylaws for coaches and removal of coaches. There are 24 members on this board with 2 Assistant Commissioners. The Commissioner of the program does not vote. Board members in their first year do not vote. Coaches need to be reviewed every year starting this year.

-There are no tryouts for Unlimited and 120 pound teams.

-Fundraisers presented for approval:

- Buick-GMC to sponsor new car raffle. Football only needs to sell tickets at \$5.00 each and Football gets to keep the ticket money. The money raised would be used to purchase new equipment for the program and repair field house.
- Media Guide to raise money for new equipment and field house repairs.
- Footballmania to raise money for new equipment and field house repairs.
- Golf Outing on July 20, 2011 to raise money for new equipment and field house repairs.
- Team Photos to raise money for Uniforms, Helmets and Shoulder Pads
- Sale of Team Apparel to raise money for Uniforms, Helmets and Shoulder Pads

Mike Mullin moved to approve Football's request to participate in the Buick-GMC sponsored car raffle, printing and sale of Media Guide, Footballmania, Golf Outing, Team Photos and Sale of Team apparel with all proceeds benefitting the Football program. The motion received a second and was approved.

-Changes to League Rules will affect 120's.

LACROSSE:

-Registration is done and practices have started. Games will begin March 23rd.

-“Lacrosse Day” will be held on Saturday at WTHS.

-Scoop Division added to boys program. Bylaw changes have been made to accommodate this division.

Rich Silvesti moved to approve the addition of the Scooper Division for boys in Grades Kindergarten through Grade 2 to the Lacrosse Program. The motion received a second and was approved.

-New cages are needed. Cages currently at locations – 1 set at East Holly, 3 sets at Johnson Road which includes the new field required for the girls' program, 1 set at WLP, Field #2.

-Trainers 18 and over are required to be Megan's Law background checked.

SOCCER – No one present from this board.

John Daly reported:

- Members of this board are at a league meeting.
- Easter Tournament preparations are underway.
- Bylaws will be presented at the March meeting.
- County House fields will be opening in March

SOFTBALL – No one present from this board.

- No bylaws changes to be made
- Coaches list to be presented for approval.

TRACK AND FIELD

- Registration has officially ended with 252 registered.
- First practice is March 14th.
- Uniforms will be ordered tomorrow.
- Meet schedule will be finalized shortly.
- Coaches' list presented for approval.

Mike Mullin moved to approve the Track and Field Coaches List. The motion received a second and was approved.

WRESTLING

- Season is over
- Practices for tournaments may go on until May.
- Banquet is April 15.
- Wrestling Board's next meeting is March 8th.
- Fisler Tournament went well.

CHEERLEADING

- Bylaws were presented for second reading

Shawn Kraemer moved to approve the Cheerleading Bylaws as presented. The motion received a second and was approved with one (1) abstention (Steve Turdo who was not at the meeting for the first reading of the bylaws.)

- New board members were presented for approval:
 - Francis Cusick – Transportation Coordinator
 - Rhonda Spino - Assistant Equipment Coordinator
 - Angela DiMaggio – Treasurer
 - Helen Erskine – Secretary
 - Tracy Marks and Debbie Poolos – Fundraising

Lisa Collins moved to approve the new Cheerleading Board members as listed. The motion received a second and was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Field Facility Fees – Fees should be per event not per hour. Council has had the first reading on this new policy.

NEW BUSINSS:

Fee Waiver Policy for WTPR Youth Sports

Copies of waiver were presented for first reading.

OTHER:

American Legion Baseball – This program is sponsored by American Legion Post #521 and they expressed concerns regarding fields for their home games. Season starts June 20th. Times will be worked out for Field #1 at Washington Lake Park. However, WTPR Baseball rain dates may interfere with American League Baseball dates.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Mary Schneider, SAB Secretary