

**MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**February 13, 2024, 7:30pm**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**

The February 2024 meeting of the Mansfield Township Recreation Committee was called to order at 7:30pm. Everyone present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OPENING STATEMENT** - Public notice of this meeting pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act NJSA 10:4.6 to 10:4.21 has been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given in the annual notice which was adopted by Mansfield Township Recreation Committee on January 30, 2024. The Annual Notice was transmitted to the Burlington County Times and the Times of Trenton, filed with the Clerk of the Township of Mansfield, and posted on the official bulletin board at the Municipal Complex. All of the mailing, posting, and filing for this meeting has been accomplished as of February 5, 2024.

**ATTENDANCE**

Colleen Herbert	Present
Dan Berg	Present
Amanda Firtek	Present
Blaze Pecenak	Present

Chris Romano	Present
Renee Stevenson	Present
Matt Collier	Present
Mickey Rivera	Present

Justin Parker	Present
Jim Sullivan	Absent

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Northern Burlington Scholarship Agreement.

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

- January 2024 Reorganization. *Motion to approve by Dan Berg. Second by Justin Parker. Renee Stevenson, Matt Collier & Jim Sullivan ineligible to vote due to absence. All eligible in favor.*
- January 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. *Motion to approve by Dan Berg. Second by Chris Romano. Renee Stevenson, Matt Collier & Jim Sullivan ineligible to vote due to absence. All eligible in favor.*

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

Vendor	Description	Amount	Source
Crown Awards	Basketball Medals, Kindergarten & Rookies	\$331.00	Basketball Current

**ACTION ITEMS/PERMITS FOR DISCUSSION/APPROVAL** *Motion to approve by Colleen Herbert. Second by Chris Romano. All in favor.*

Organization	Contact	Dates	Fields/Facilities	Insurance	Payment
USA Softball	Brian Sisz	April 13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> May 25 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> June 28 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> July 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> July 27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup>	MCP Softball, 50/70, 60/90, Townhall, Civic Club Field	Provided per tournament	Per tournament

**COORDINATOR REPORT**

- Merchandise Store by Brian Wolverton. Chris to provide Sabrina suggested upcharges. Sabrina to see if samples can be provided for opening day & ask to add baseball hats.
- Rutgers Clinic scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 - 10pm.
- Easter Egg Hunt. Looking at the weekend of March 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. Dan will check the calendar for availability.
- The Township Memorial Day Ceremony is Wednesday, 5/22, 6pm. All are welcome to attend.
- The Annual Parade and Field Day are June 8<sup>th</sup>. Chris will add to the baseball coach's meeting agenda to encourage parade participants.
- Committee Member Background Checks are nearly complete. Thank you!
- Jim Sullivan has resigned from the Committee effective immediately due to work obligations.

**CHAIRPERSON REPORT**

- NB school district considering charging the NBIAA for facility use. Would cause a significant increase in NBIAA registration fees. Colleen will follow and provide updates.
- Policy revisions - Vote to approve revisions to Recreation Policies for #4 Player Assessments and #5 Team Selection as discussed at January meeting. Motion to approve with an addition to Policy #2 Coach's Responsibilities requiring fields and facilities to be left in a clean and orderly manner for the next team. Motion to approve by Colleen Herbert. Second by Chris Romano. Amanda Firtek abstained. All others vote in favor.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

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### **Facilities** (Dan Berg)

- No report.

### **Basketball** (Matt Collier/Renee Stevenson)

- Season midpoint. Going well.
- Kaitlynn Panacek, current basketball coach, suggested allowing Kindergarteners to use the MTES cafeteria all season since the nets lower to 8' and the cafeteria is typically available on Saturday mornings.

### **Baseball** (Chris Romano/Amanda Firtek)

- Regular Enrollment ends (2/16)
  - 89 registrants as of 2/12
  - 9 wiffle (one team expected)
  - 54 t-ball (6 more registrants to form 6 teams)
  - 26 rookie (4 more registrants to form 3 teams)
- Late enrollment (thru 3/1) +\$25
- Coaches Meeting, 2/29 @ 7:30pm via Zoom.
  - Wiffle: 1 Head Coach & 2 Assistant Coach
  - Tball: 3 Head Coach & 4 Assistant Coach
  - Rookie: 2 Head Coach & 1 Assistant Coach
- Opening Night: 4/19 @ Civic
  - Parking - Strongly suggest carpooling in correspondence. Sabrina will request PD assistance directing parking.
  - Vendors - Would like a food truck. Mickey has an interested Philadelphia Water Ice contact.
- Baseball Picture Day - April 30<sup>th</sup>, 5 - 9pm, Civic Indoor Facility
- Rookie Tournament Team - Chris will document proposed process for further review.
- Parade & Field Day – Chris will include in the Coach's meeting agenda for parade participation.
- Homerun Derby fundraiser during Field Day.
- Update on vending machines Chris in discussion with vendor. Will forward COI and Hold Harmless agreement.

### **Soccer** (Blaze Pecenek/Amanda Firtek)

- Off season. No report.

### **Northern Burlington Jr. Greyhounds Football/Cheerleading** (Mickey Rivera)

- Off season. No report.

### **Northern Burlington Soccer Club** (Blaze Pecenek/Keith Rambo)

- No report.

### **NBIAA Baseball** (Ken Saganowski/Jason Shafer)

- Enrollment numbers are very low.

### **NBIAA Softball** (CJ Janis)

- Enrollment numbers are very low.

### **NBIAA Basketball** (Shawn Fitzpatrick)

- No report.

### **Mud Dogs Lacrosse** (Mike Lovenduski)

- No report.

### **Hamilton/Northern Babe Ruth** (Jean Anderson)

- No report.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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- Frank Flatch and Kaitlynn Panacek expressed interest in joining the committee. Will email statement of interest to Sabrina for further action.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Motion to Adjourn** @ 9:07pm by Justin Parker. Second by Chris Romano. All in favor.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 7:30pm.