

**MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 30, 2024**

The January 2024 meeting of the Mansfield Township Recreation Committee was called to order at 8:20pm. 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 17, 2023. 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 January 29, 2023.

**ATTENDANCE**

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

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

Justin Parker	Present
Jim Sullivan	Absent

Deputy Mayor Brian Sisiz also in attendance.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- None received.

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

- December 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. *Motion to approve by Dan Berg. Second by Justin Parker. All in favor.*

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

Vendor	Description	Amount	Source
Coach (Basketball)	Fingerprinting Reimbursement x 2	53.96	Basketball Current
Tex Net, Inc.	Divider & Top Net for MCP Batting Cage	2,037.00	Field Use Reserve
Amazon	Measuring Tape, 100' (2)	25.98	Baseball Current
AD Starr	Starr-5 Baseballs (9 dozen), Tanner Tees (4), Outdoor Batting Mats for MCP Batting Cages (2)	<sup>1,512.87</sup> - <sup>750 DSG</sup> = 732.87	Baseball Current
Beacon Athletics	Portable Pitching Mound (for Civic indoor)	2,124.00	Indoor Facility Reserve

**ACTION ITEMS/PERMITS FOR DISCUSSION/APPROVAL** *Motion to approve pending payment receipt by Dan Berg. Second by Colleen Herbert. All in favor. Abstention by Blaze Pecenak.*

Organization	Contact	Dates	Fields/Facilities	Insurance	Payment
NB Soccer Club	Tom Dadura	Jan 2024 - Jan 2025	Georgetown, MCP, Civic	Yes	No

**COORDINATOR REPORT**

- Cash and check payment options have been removed from Team Sideline due to non-payments. Registrations must be paid with a credit card. Potential consequences discussed for non-payment: withhold uniform or ineligibility for playoff games. Team Sideline will automatically deny enrollment in future programs for accounts with overdue balances.
- Coach Policy - Equipment return. Coordinators to assist with collecting overdue equipment from non-responsive coaches.
- Merch Store - Brian Wolverton. Goal is to be open for baseball season before the 2/29 coach's meeting.
- Reminder of mandatory committee member background checks.
- Update given on improvement projects expected at Community Park in the spring.
- Rutgers Clinics - Due to delayed payments from other Township rec programs, non-Mansfield coaches wishing to participate in a Mansfield-hosted Rutgers Clinic will be billed directly for attendance moving forward; can submit for reimbursement to their township recreation coordinators.
- Reminder - External website & domain name expire in February. Will be shut down, including email addresses.

**CHAIRPERSON REPORT**

- Proposed revisions to Recreation Policy #2 Team Selection and Assessments were discussed. Revisions to the existing policy will be drafted for review at the 2/13 committee meeting.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

- Potentially replace bases & base boxes @ MCP & Civic (5 fields). Reviewing options/cost.

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

- Season underway.
- Medals will be ordered for Kindergarten and Rookies. Minors and Majors receive trophies in Play-offs.

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

- Registration open 1/2 through 2/16. Additional \$25 late registration fee, February 17<sup>th</sup> through March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Current enrollment - 6 wiffle-t, 38 t-ball, 19 rookie, 9 coaches.
- Coach Meeting - February 29<sup>th</sup>
- Assessments & Equipment Distribution - Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 6 - 9pm
- Dicks Sporting Goods Weekend - March 8<sup>th</sup> - March 10<sup>th</sup>
- Preseason training clinics 3/16 & 3/17 with the NB High School Baseball Program, Civic Field.
  - Wiffle - 12 - 12:30 pm
  - T-ball - 12:30 - 1:30 pm
  - Rookie - 1:30 - 3 pm
- Opening Night at Civic 3/19 - or - Opening Day at MCP 3/20.
- Civic Scoreboard Sponsor Interest - The Smile Center. Colleen will get information.
- Discussion of Recreation sponsoring a 7U All-Star team. Dependent on interest from coaches and players.
- Homerun Derby fundraiser

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

- Off season. No report.

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

- No report.

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

- No report.

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

- Dan relayed a message from Ken that enrollment numbers are very low for baseball and softball.

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

- No report.

### **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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- Chris looking into a vending machine provider for Civic Field, possibly Georgetown and Community Park for the future if successful.

### **Public Comment** - None

**Motion to Adjourn** @ 9:48pm. Motion to adjourn by Dan Berg Second by Chris Romano. All in favor.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 7:30pm.