

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMITTEE
August 8, 2023, 7:30PM
Regular Meeting
AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

Colleen Herbert	
Dan Berg	
Amanda Firtek	
Kristin Mederos	

Blaze Pecenak	
Chris Romano	
Renee Stevenson	
Vacant	

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CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank you card received from Dillion Howard, NB scholarship awardee.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

- June 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- No July meeting.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Vendor	Items	Amount	Source
BSN	3 prs. pop up soccer goal - 72" W	\$225 total (\$55ea.)	Current Fund

ACTION ITEMS/PERMITS

Organization	Contact	Dates	Fields	Insurance	Payment
Jersey Rebels	Mike Vasil	8/21/2021 – 10/27/2023	Georgetown Baseball	Y	N/A*

*Will purchase a new pitching mound in lieu of field use fee.

COORDINATOR REPORT

- Red Bulls Camp, 8/4 through 8/11 - 30 participants. Rec receives \$10 per camper.
- Trenton Thunder Fundraiser - 125 tickets purchased; 77 sold. **-\$105.00** difference.
- Next DSG Weekends - August 25th - 28th (fall ball)
- **Migration from Ionos to Township Email.**
- **NAYS Coaches Training v. Rutgers Course.**
- **MCP Batting Cage Repair - MidJersey Fence low bid @ \$9,000. *Ok to schedule?***
- **Georgetown Batting Cage - Repair or Demo**

CHAIRPERSON REPORT

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SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities (Dan Berg)

- New Facility Use form & fees.

Baseball (Chris Romano)

- Status of Little League & Cal Ripken?
- Drills & Skills Fall Clinic
- Raise Registration Fees (planning)
- Team Store (planning)
- Safety equipment

Soccer (Blaze Pecenak/Amanda Firtek)

- 173 registered across all divisions. Most coaching positions are filled; need still at lower levels.
 - PreK - 21 players; 3 teams
 - Kindergarten (U6) - 38 players; 6 teams
 - 1st Grade (U7) - 23 players; 2 teams
 - 2nd Grade (U8) - 22 players; 2 teams
 - 3rd & 4th Grade Girls (U10) - 19 players; 2 teams
 - 3rd & 4th Grade Boys (U10) - 20 players; 2 teams
 - 5th & 6th Grade Girls (U12) - 13 players; 1 team
 - 5th & 6th Grade Boys (U12) - 17 players; 1 team
- Assessments are scheduled for Wednesday, August 9th
 - Second Grade Co-ed
 - Third/Fourth Grade Boys
 - Third/Fourth Grade Girls
 - All other divisions are non-assessable or have one team.
- Convened a meeting with all township rec soccer committees on Tuesday, August 1st. *See minutes provided by Sabrina. (Copy attached.)*
- Season begins Saturday, September 9th.
- Training
 - CPR & First Aid Familiarization: Mansfield Ambulance Squad is offering a free CPR & First Aid for Coaches class on August 24th at 6:30P at the Mansfield Municipal Building, Suite 2.
 - Coaching Guides and Training Session Plans are mostly complete.
- Eight team sponsors so far (3 paid)
 - RMR Services & Repair (U10 Boys)
 - Nam Knights of America (U10 Girls)
 - Honey Hound Orchards (U8 Coed)
 - Arissa Kumar Real Estate (U12 Boys)
 - Exotic Outdoors (Pre K - or - U10 Girls)
 - Columbus Dental Arts (No preference)
 - Sweet Scoop (No preference)
 - Salon DSK (No preference)
- **Action item to be voted on:**
 - Play to Learn Fútbol / Gerson Martinez will conduct coaching and player training sessions for \$120 per.
 - Up to committee on if just coaches (how to conduct a training session) or just players (basic, advanced skills) or both.

Basketball (Renee Stevenson)

- NB Recreation Basketball Meeting, 9/18, 8pm

Northern Burlington Travel Soccer (Blaze Pecenak)

- Fall 2023 practice season is underway (August 7th).
- South Jersey Girls Soccer League begins on Saturday, September 9th
- South Jersey (Boys) Soccer League begins on Sunday, September 10th
- Eastern Developmental Program (EDP) starts a few weeks later.

NBIAA Summer Basketball (Shawn Fitzpatrick)

- Program has concluded. Approx. 250 participants this summer.

Northern Burlington Jr. Greyhounds Football/Cheerleading (Brenda Lawyer)

- 2023 NB Jr Greyhounds Tackle Football & Cheer season has officially begun!
- Practices started last night, August 7th; summer practices will be held Mon-Thurs (6pm-8pm) on the fields behind the NB Middle School.
- Players are required to practice for a minimum of 10 hours before they can practice with full pads.
- Once school starts, practices will be held 3 days a week (dates TBD, same time and location as summer practices).
- Saturday, September 9th is league weigh-ins; this is also NB Jr Greyhounds Day at Liberty Lake.

- Sunday, September 10th the season will kick off with a possible game for the 105's; all teams will have games on Saturday, September 16th; game schedules are TBD.
- Friday, September 22nd is Jr Greyhounds night at NBCRHS (Jr Greyhounds players attend the varsity HS game for free and are recognized on the field at half time).
- Home games are held on the NB High School athletic fields - at least 2 games per team on the main stadium field and other home games will be held on the lower practice fields behind the HS.
- Certain teams (105's and 120's) have enough players to field a "JV" team - those players will play some games on Sundays against other schools who also have JV teams.
- 2023 NB Jr Greyhounds COACHES:
 - 90's (26 players): Isaac Nardone (Head Coach), Jeremy Johnson, George Ramirez, Aaron Walenga
 - 105's (33 players): Terry White (Head Coach), Hank Gliottone, Keith Naylor, John Doyle
 - 120's (37 players): Mike Vasil (Head Coach), Sam Abu-Issa, Shawn Jones, John Stobie, Michael Davison
 - 145's (18 players): Mike Vasil (Head Coach), Jim French, Ed Klusman
 - Cheerleaders (90 total): TBD
- 2023 NB Jr Greyhounds Board Members: Mike Vasil (President), Hank Gliottone (Vice President), Daniela Guarraggi (Treasurer), Lydia Norway (Secretary), Sergeant of Arms (Terry White), Football Commissioner (Sam Abu-Issa), Cheer Commissioner (Stacey Arzt)
- 2023 NB Jr Greyhounds Board of Directors / Township Reps:
 - Mansfield Township: Isaac Nardone, Paul Mattessich, John Stobie, Gary White
 - North Hanover: Jaime Sammons, Alexandra DeGood
 - JBMDL: Rafeal Ruttley, Shawn Jones
 - Chesterfield: Maggie Brittain (Flag Football Commissioner)
 - Springfield: TBD
- 2023 NB Flag Football (players, coaches and scheduled TBD)

NBIAA Baseball (Mike Vasil/Ken Saganowski)

- No report.

NBIAA Softball (CJ Janis)

- No report.

Mud Dogs Lacrosse (Brenda Lawyer/Brian Kuser)

- No report.

Hamilton/Northern Babe Ruth (Colleen Herbert/Jean Anderson)

- No report.

NEW BUSINESS

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PUBLIC COMMENT

This meeting will now be open to the public. Please state your name, address and group affiliation, if applicable. Comments will be limited to 2 minutes per person, and the total comment period to 30 minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

NORTHERN BURLINGTON RECREATION COORDINATION MEETING

Date: August 1, 2023, 7:00pm
Subject: 2023 Soccer Season
Attendees: Colleen Herbert, Mansfield
Blaze Pecenak, Mansfield
Sabrina Petrella, Mansfield
Mike Sikorski, CTAA
John Kelly, CTAA
Keith Rambo, Springfield/NBSC

MEETING NOTES

- All in agreement that recreation teams should transition to age determination rather than grade determination for the 2024 season. A meeting will be scheduled in February to discuss the transition prior to registration opening.
- Registration fees per town:
 - Mansfield - \$95 regular / \$120 late
 - Chesterfield - \$150 regular/\$175 late; PreK & K \$125 regular / \$150 late
 - North Hanover - \$35
 - Springfield - \$75; PreK & K \$50
 - Florence - \$40
- JBMDL field locations - Concerns regarding gaining access to base for games. All in agreement to schedule JBMDL games a few weeks into the season to allow time for gate access requirements to be worked out.
- Rostering
 - Mansfield holds assessments for 2nd grade & up; coaches select teams via draft. PreK through 1st rostered by coordinators.
 - Chesterfield requests soccer experience information via Team Sideline; coaches select teams based on the information provided.
 - Springfield coordinators handle all rostering.
 - North Hanover - TBD.
 - All in agreement that travel players should be split equally among teams, if applicable.
- Training Programs
 - Mansfield is planning online and field training for coaches and increased player training programs.
 - Chesterfield offers coach and player training. John Kelly offered to provide a Buildout Line training session to all towns.
- Referees
 - Townships to consider paying referee fees in advance for efficiency and to alleviate the financial burden to NBSC.
- Games
 - Games will begin on September 9th.

- Boys' rec games on Saturday mornings do not conflict with Sunday travel games.
- Keith suggested moving girls' rec games to Friday nights to not conflict with travel games.
- Mansfield and Chesterfield are currently considering light pole rentals.
- No games are held on Columbus Day and Teachers Convention weekend.
- Shawn Fitzpatrick & Tony Bifulco will manage game scheduling.
- PreK and K games are traditionally scheduled internally. Commissioners may choose to coordinate games among other NB towns for these levels.
- Chesterfield hosts Turkey Cup tournament the weekend prior to Thanksgiving. Open to inviting all NB towns to join.
- North Hanover is considering a Kick-or-Treat Tournament for Halloween.
- Rules of Play
 - Available on the NBSC website, www.northernburlingtonsoccerclub.com, under recreation league schedules. (Copy attached.)
 - A request was made to change wording on Game Play rule #13 to allow teams to borrow registered players from a lower-level team from the same township when they lack the minimum number of players to field a team.
- Coaching Certifications
 - Chesterfield using NAYS Online Training. Mansfield to research to see if this is an option to replace the RUTGERS Clinic.
- NB Soccer Club Recreation Subcommittee
 - Includes 2 representatives from each sending district + JBMDL and Florence Twp.
 - Has a Recreation Trust account. Needs a treasurer.
 - Increased communication and financial transparency requested.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Sabrina will create and circulate a master contact list for feedback by 8/4.
- All Townships to provide team list to Keith for game scheduling by 8/15.
- Keith to provide referee point of contact for field closings, etc.

MEETINGS

Meetings will be held on the 3rd Monday of the month during the season + one pre-registration meeting to be held in February.

MEETING DATES:

- **Next meeting: August 21st**
- September 18th
- October 16th
- ~~November 20th~~ (There is a Mansfield Township Committee meeting on this date.)
- November 21st (Tuesday)
- February 12, 2024 (Registration Meeting)

Basketball Pre-registration meeting to be scheduled in September.