

**MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMITTEE  
MONTHLY MEETING  
Minutes**

**Tuesday, October 13, 2020 – 7:30 p.m.**

The October 2020 meeting of the Mansfield Township Recreation Committee was called to order at 7:30 P.M. at the Mansfield Township Municipal Building. 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 28, 2020. The Annual Notice was transmitted to the Burlington County Times, 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 has been accomplished as of February 5, 2020. This virtual meeting is being held in accordance with executive orders during this pandemic. This meeting was advertised in the Burlington County Times and the Times of Trenton

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG-  
ROLL CALL -**

Blaze Pecenak-Present	Rob Siverio-Present
Colleen Herbert-Present	Corinne Konopka-Absent
Leah DiFillipo-Present	Brian Sisz-Present
Brian Morro-Present	Tammy Caloiaro-Present
Pete Mosteller-Present	Greg Gamble-Present
Brenda Lawyer - Present	

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:**

- September 2020

. All in Favor. Motion Carries

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- None

**RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

None

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Organization	Contact	Dates	Fields
None			

**COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

- Civic-Irrigation system needs Township Committee approval to proceed. Should be on the next agenda. Bids not needed for the well. Once approved by the Township, we can proceed with irrigation. Purchase Order for fall reseeding has been sent to G&G. Date TBD
- Recreation Purchased an adaptable swing for Mansfield Community park in the amount of \$563 from our current fund.
- Recreation will be purchasing 6 new benches for the Mansfield Community Park. Estimated cost \$2000. Committee all in favor.
- Batter's box rebuild estimate from a landscape company is \$3350 per box. Paul Narwid to research cost of materials only.
- Mapleton Vandalism-video equipment to be replaced

**CHAIRPERSON REPORT**

- Reported on child abuse webinar. It will be necessary to have better record keeping of coaches certifications and background checks. A policy will be forthcoming after meeting with Mike Fitzpatrick and Paul Narwid

**SPECIAL EVENTS**-Leah DiFilippo -

- The Holiday Tree Lighting was discussed. Currently working on the flyers for the event to be held December 5, 2020. There will be the tree, goodie bags and background music in the Mansfield Community Park. Home decorating contest will also be held.

**FACILITIES** - Brian Siz

- .Indoor Facility: Closed until further notice per the township committee.
- Fields: Remaining Baseball and Softball Fields to be closed 11/1/2020
- Outdoor Batting Cage: Should we close on 11/1/2020 same as fields. With Indoor being closed maybe we should keep it open until it's too cold.

**SOCCER**- Brian Morrow –

- Season has a limited number of games since there are only three townships playing this year. Midlands league was cancelled due to Covid concerns. There has been talk amongst the three townships of moving to another league for 2021, called the Inter-Town Rec League based out of West Windsor.
  - There was talk about forming a Northern league much like the baseball / softball model. We would need other towns because there aren't enough teams to be able to play every weekend.
- Last games will be played on Halloween for all divisions (not all teams will have a game though)
- .Practices will all be moving to Georgetown Baseball under the lights starting this week.
- Final count on players was 113, down 59 kids from last year
  - Need to make a change to registration for deadlines / late fee enforcement

- Too many late adds prevent program from moving forward in a timely manner. However, I don't like to tell kids that they can't play so what is the best way to avoid the crunch we always run into?
- One of the coaches questioned the logic of eliminating the registration fee reimbursement if getting volunteers was so hard.

**BASKETBALL**– Tammy Caloiaro/Greg Gamble -

- Have been in touch with Fred Knaak, who is the head guy of use of facilities at MTES and JHES. He met with administration Friday morning, and they are refusing use of any of the indoor gyms at this time.
- Tammy Caloiaro has also been in touch with the township coordinators from Springfield, Chesterfield, and North Hanover. Their administration is also denying use of the gyms for basketball as well due to the safety of the students, and how overwhelming it would be to try to sanitize everything, etc....  
Therefore, at this time, there is not going to be a winter basketball season this year. The 4 township coordinators are all in agreement with this.
- There is talk about possibly doing something in the spring, outdoors, with a shortened schedule, but all of that will depend on where we are at with vaccinations, and the state of the pandemic at that point.

**BASEBALL**- Brian Morrow –

- Nothing to report

**LACROSSE** - Pete Mosteller -

- Nothing to report

**NB SOCCER CLUB** -

- New administration to be selected next year

**FOOTBALL/CHEERLEADING** - Tammy Caloiaro –

- 3 weeks left in the season
- All championship games to be played November 8, 2020
- 4 Rookie Teams, 5 Minor teams, 6 Major teams
- Everyone is following protocols with temperature checks for all coaches and players at all practices and games
- Thanks to Public Works for taking care of the field

**POLICY**- Colleen Herbert-

- Nothing to report

**CONCESSIONS**-.Brenda Lawyer -

- Nothing to report

**SPONSORSHIPS**- Colleen Herbert -

- Nothing to report

**NBIAA** - Blaze

- Looking for a location to have a meeting
- No basketball

**HAMILTON/NORTHERN BABE RUTH**- -Colleen Herbert

- Nothing to report

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Paul Narwid requested committee members intentions for 2021 by October 15. No response will be considered a no reappointment.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Virtual Rutgers Class TBD-Awaiting Rutgers training on new remote based class. Paul Narwid to meet with Rutgers October 14.
- Colleen Herbert, Brian Sisz, Paul Narwid and Mike Fitzpatrick to meet and discuss the possible opening of the indoor facility.
- Pete Mosteller inquired if the Township could look into purchasing a parcel of land on the corner of White Pine Road and Route 60 for a sports complex.

**ADJOURNED :** Adjourned 8:51pm