

**MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMITTEE  
MONTHLY MEETING  
Minutes**

**Tuesday, April 11, 2023 – 7:30 p.m.**

The April 2023 meeting of the Mansfield Township Recreation Committee was called to order at 7:33 P.M. 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, 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 January 29, 2023.

**ROLL CALL -**

Blaze Pecenak-Present	Chris Romano-Present
Colleen Herbert-Present	Vacant
Dan Berg-Present	Vacant
Kristin Mederos-Absent	Vacant
Renee Stevenson-Present 7:36pm	Vacant
Amanda Puppo-Absent	

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:**

- March 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Dan Berg to approve. Second by Blaze Pecenak. All in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

Vendor	Items	Amount	Source

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Organization	Contact	Dates	Fields

## **COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

- Mansfield Park Playground under construction

## **CHAIRPERSON REPORT**

- CHAS Fundraiser-CHAS would like Recreation to provide some sort of gift for their silent auction. It was suggested that Recreation provide a \$200 credit for registration to a family. Motion by Blaze Pecenak, Second by Dan Berg. All in favor, motion passes.
- After hearing from Dan that the walls are beat in the indoor, I sent an email to LAX to inform them to stop beating on the walls in the indoor complex
- Met with NBIAA to discuss the State Tournament to be held in Mansfield Community Park.
- A vote to affirm all the existing Recreation Policies was asked for. Motion by Dan Berg, Second by Chris Romano. Motion Carries.

## **FACILITIES - Dan Berg**

- Baseball and softball games have officially started and fields are holding up well.
- Scheduling is also completed for all levels. Dealing with some minor changes due to conflicts but overall the process has been smooth.
- New baseball mound is needed for the 50/70 field.
- Need to come up with a better and safer way to move portable mounds from the Mansfield Park 50/70 field and Civic Club Field. They are very heavy and get damaged too quickly the way it's working right now.
- Township has removed old play equipment at Mansfield Park in preparation for the new equipment install. Area is all fenced off. (Reminder to residents to avoid area should be sent out again)
- The Mansfield Concession stand has been cleaned and reorganized with the Special Events Committee and everything looks good.

## **SOCCER- Blaze Pecenak –**

- There is a NY Gotham family night.

## **BASKETBALL– Paul Narwid -**

- Arrangements are being made to return basketball equipment
- Paul Narwid to provide Renee Stevenson basketball coordinator duties, as Renee may take over the basketball Coordinator position..

## **BASEBALL- Chris Romano –**

- 100 enrollees total amongst 3 Rookie, 4 Tball & 2 Wiffle T teams
- Game schedule for Wiffle & T-ball is finalized. Has been released
- Opening Night April 21 at Civic. First announcement to go out over the next few days. Opening night will have all Wiffle T and Tball playing each other from 5 – 8pm.
  - Boomer (Trenton Thunder Mascot) will be present for 45 minutes starting @ 545 pm.
  - Concession will be open for hot dogs, chicken fingers, chips, hot pretzels & hot/cold beverages.
  - IF Concessions are a hit, we will look to keep this going for the home weekend games of 5/6, 5/13 & 5/20 (ALL @ Town Hall), where there is a minimum of 3 games each day. 5/6 will have 6 games.
  - Hot dog and free drink to all Mansfield players.
  - Kona Ice Truck will be present.
  - ALL games will have PA system working for announcing players, where students will sing the National Anthem prior to each game. Is the PA system working? Do we have the American Flag to attach to flagpole in Center Field?
- Uniforms & Medals picked up by coaches week of 4/3 from Sabrina's office.
- Picture day May 10.

**SOFTBALL-CJ Janis (NBIAA)-**

- No report

**LACROSSE - Brenda Lawyer -**

- No report

**NB SOCCER CLUB - Blaze Pecenek -**

- Nothing to report

**FOOTBALL/CHEERLEADING - Brenda Lawyer –**

- No report submitted

**POLICY- Colleen Herbert-**

- Voted on reaffirming the policies in the Chairperson report

**CONCESSION Kristen Mederos**

- No report

**SPONSORSHIPS- Kristen Mederos - No report**

**NBIAA - Blaze Pecenek**

**-Blaze Pecenek/Colleen Herbert -**

- Blaze, Dan and Colleen attended the NBIAA meeting. We made a good team and I thank them for attending!
- With regards to the NBIAA 501-3-C. They are NOT tax exempt anymore. Andrew, the president, informed us that he inherited the mess of the tax-exempt status being defunct (which I can attest confirm). He and his accountant has made several attempts to have it reinstated with no success. Therefore, NBIAA is paying taxes and is not considered nonexempt anymore.
- We also talked about the equipment for the regionalized coaches. Mansfield expressed the issue with giving equipment and not getting back AND not collecting any money for registration fees. NBIAA maintains that storage is an issue for them. They received our message loud and clear. I am not sure what we are issuing this year, but it is imperative we track the equipment and get it back at the end of the season.
- There will be an invoice coming from NBIAA for the basketball season for officials. Sabrina, please don't pay any invoices from NBIAA until you discuss with Paul. There have been minor, unintentional issues in the past with some inaccuracies in their billing systems and Paul and I would always discuss before paying.
- NBIAA was very thankful to Mansfield for hosting the State Tournament. Honestly, this is BIG for our Township. We met with Mike Vasil to discuss the expectation and the execution for the Tournament. Tournament will be held at Civic and 50/70 in Mansfield Park late June/Early July. We will be purchasing screening for the backstop, repairing the batting cage. Sabrina has no idea what to expect and we need to be as prepared as possible so it's not a last-minute rush.
- NBIAA did receive the donation from the developer in Chesterfield. I asked what it was it used for and I was told to fund the district teams last year. I told them that parents always used to pay their own way for that. I guess that is the "old way"..who knows. They were apparently down to zero in their account, so this allowed them to catch up and to build a cushion. They are going to request another donation this year as well.

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

- Games are starting in Georgetown

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Increase Indoor Facility Fees-Dan Berg to investigate

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:31pm**