

**MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 8, 2023**

The August 2023 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 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	Chris Romano - Present	Vacant
Dan Berg - Present	Renee Stevenson - Absent	Vacant
Amanda Firtek - Present	Kristin Mederos - Absent	Vacant
Blaze Pecenak - Present		Vacant

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

- June 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. **Motion by Dan Berg. Second by Blaze Pecenak. All in favor.**
- 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*

**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 25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> (fall ball)
- Migration from Ionos to Township Email.
- NAYS Coaches Training v. Rutgers Course. **Motion by Dan Berg. Second by Colleen Herbert. All in favor.**
- MCP Batting Cage Repair - MidJersey Fence low bid @ \$9,000. **Motion by Dan Berg. Second by Chris Romano. All in favor. Sabrina will schedule for the fall. Funded through the reserve in the current fund.**
- Georgetown Batting Cage - Repair or Demo. Sabrina to request recommendation from MidJersey Fence.

**CHAIRPERSON REPORT**

- None.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Facilities\*** (Dan Berg)

- New Facility Use form & fees.
- Central Jersey Rebels are purchasing a new pitching mound for the Georgetown field in lieu of facility use fee.

**Baseball** (Chris Romano)

- Status of Little League & Cal Ripken - Informational meetings to be set-up with both organizations so committee members can hear pitch, ask questions, and determine best path. Other districts and NBIAA will be invited to attend as well.
- Drills & Skills Fall Clinic - No cost, 8-week program running Sept 15<sup>th</sup>, 6 - 7pm through November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Civic Club baseball field and indoor training facility. 24 players currently interested from recent spring baseball season and three coaches committed. Ratio 3:8. Increasing registrants dependent on the commitment of more coach volunteers. Chris and Dan will coordinate getting the equipment needed to Civic. Sabrina will set up a registration page through Team Sideline.

- Raise Registration Fees - Increase in baseball registration fees proposed for 2024. Chris & Amanda to prepare recommendations.
- Team Store - General Mansfield Rec and sport specific merch. Showcase Sports recommended. Sabrina will reach out for process.
- Safety equipment - CPR & First Aid Training for Coaches on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Offered to soccer coaches and other townships for soccer. Can be arranged prior to each sport season. Discussion of securing an AED machine and where it would be located/accessibility issues. Possibly in the Civic Indoor Facility. Sabrina will consult with the Ambulance Squad for suggestions.

### **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
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade (U7) - 23 players; 2 teams
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (U8) - 22 players; 2 teams
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls (U10) - 19 players; 2 teams
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys (U10) - 20 players; 2 teams
  - 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls (U12) - 13 players; 1 team
  - 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys (U12) - 17 players; 1 team
- Assessments are scheduled for Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>
  - Second Grade Co-ed
  - Third/Fourth Grade Boys
  - Third/Fourth Grade Girls
  - All other divisions are non-assessable or have one team.
- Convened a coordination meeting with all township rec soccer committees on Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. *See minutes provided by Sabrina. (Copy attached.)*
- Season begins Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Training
  - CPR & First Aid Familiarization: Mansfield Ambulance Squad is offering a free CPR & First Aid for Coaches class on August 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30P at the Mansfield Municipal Building, Suite 2.
  - Coaching Guides and Training Session Plans are mostly complete.
- Eight team sponsors so far
  - RMR Services & Repair (U10 Boys)
  - Nam Knights of America (U10 Girls)
  - Honey Hound Orchards (U8 Coed)
  - Arissa Kumar Real Estate (U12 Boys)
  - Exotic Outdoors (PreK - or - U10 Girls)
  - Columbus Dental Arts (No preference)
  - Sweet Scoop (No preference)
  - Salon DSK (No preference)
- Play to Learn Fútbol coaching and player training sessions for \$120/hour. 20 - 25 participants a session. Proposed 1 session for coaches, 1 session for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 2 sessions for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 2 sessions for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Blaze to coordinate.
- After soccer fields are prepped for the season, extra goals to be placed at Country Walk and Hedding for resident use.
- Sabrina soliciting uniform quotes this week for arrival 1<sup>st</sup> week of September.

### **Basketball** (Renee Stevenson)

- NB Recreation Basketball Coordinator Meeting, 9/18, 8pm. Colleen will send email invitation to all parties.
- Matt Collier to assist with basketball season.

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### **Northern Burlington Travel Soccer** (Blaze Pecenak)

- Fall 2023 practice season is underway (August 7<sup>th</sup>).
- South Jersey Girls Soccer League begins on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>
- South Jersey (Boys) Soccer League begins on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>
- 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 NCRHS (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**

- New Google Drive created for file sharing/storage. Sabrina will provide log in & access.

Introduction and approval of new committee members. Sabrina to submit to Municipal Clerk for inclusion and approval at the 8/16 Township Committee meeting.

- Justin Parker - Motion by Dan Berg. Second by Blaze Pecenak. All in favor.
- Matt Collier - Motion by Dan Berg. Second by Chris Romano. All in favor.
- Mickey Rivera - Motion by Dan Berg. Second by Blaze Pecenak. All in favor.

- Discussion on memorial for recreation alumni, Sam Irvin. Noted that Civic may be good location due to proximity to the police department. Needs to be coordinated with the family, police department, and Township Committee. Ideas included:
  - Field/Training Facility Naming
  - Tree w/Plaque
  - Bench w/Plaque
  - Baseball Opening Day dedication
  - Baseball Uniform Sleeve Patch
  - Scholarship
  - Light post/lighted monument w/plaque
  - Statue

**Public Comment** - None

**Motion to Adjourn** @ 9:45pm by Blaze Pecenak. Second by Dan Berg. All in favor.

**Next Meeting:** September 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm.