

**MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
June 27, 2023**

The June 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.

ROLL CALL

Colleen Herbert - Present	Chris Romano - Present	Vacant
Dan Berg - Present	Renee Stevenson - Present	Vacant
Amanda Firtek - Present	Kristin Mederos - Absent	Vacant
Blaze Pecenak - Present		Vacant

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank you card received from Alissa Marchetti, NB scholarship awardee. Second awardee was Dillion Howard.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF BILLS

Vendor	Items	Amount	Source
BSN	7' x 21' Soccer goal set	\$2,800	Soccer Trust

ACTION ITEMS/PERMITS. Motion by Blaze Pecenak. Second by Chris Romano. All in favor.

Organization	Contact	Dates	Fields	Insurance	Payment
Center Court Makos	Jason Shafer	June 2023 - June 2024	Civic	X	X
Jersey Outlaws	Jamie Skelly	June 2023 - June 2024	Civic & MCP	X	X
Jersey Outlaws	Maureen Wells	June 2023 - June 2024	Civic & MCP	X	X

COORDINATOR REPORT

- Trenton Thunder Fundraiser – Have 125 tickets to sell. 23 sold to date. **Sabrina will resend email on 6/28.**
- MCP Batting Cage Repair - MidJersey Fence low bid @ \$9,000. On hold until fall.
- Community Park Rec Building inspected by Fire Prevention on 5/25. Passed. Good through 12/30/2024.
- DSG Soccer equipment voucher received for \$500. Still have baseball voucher for \$500.
- DSG Weekends ~ August 4th - 7th (soccer) and August 25th - 28th (fall ball)
- Exterminator Service sprayed Civic Wood line for ticks on 6/13.
- Frank getting quotes to replace toilets/toilet parts for MCP bathrooms.
- Will need new pitching mound at Georgetown field for 2024 season. Large expense.
- Civic Scoreboard strike-lights need to be repaired. **Sabrina will contact Powers Electric for repair.**
- Cameras on MCP Building upgraded/expanded due to new playground/parking lot activity. Funded through Township parks account.

CHAIRPERSON REPORT

- Huge thank you to Chris, Dan and Amanda for encouraging the baseball kids be in the parade. It was a fabulous day and I really appreciate their support.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities (Dan Berg)

- Completion of the baseball and softball seasons all went well.
- Mansfield Twp hosted Minor and Major Championships and most of the rookie playoffs.
- Fields held up much better this year we just have a couple of spots that will need to be addressed come spring.
- We are prepped and set up on our end for the upcoming State Cal Ripken Tourney. As a reminder, this will run from June 28th to July 5th. **Weather may delay schedule a day or two.**
- Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's baseball and softball season such a success!!!
- The outdoor playground was opened, looks great and so far no issues.
- Soccer season is next up so will need scheduling info as we get closer.
- Lastly, we started the transition of some new charges for the outdoor fields. Everyone seems to be good with it and we will be adding the new indoor charges come this fall.
- **Georgetown Batting Cage – In bad shape. Consider repairing or tear down?**

Baseball (Chris Romano)

- All equipment has been returned.
- Future programs/Fall ball - **Consider offering a spring instructional skills clinic.**
- Team store - **Dan will provide contact for potential Mansfield Recreation online merch store.**
- Indoor Facility use during off season. **Scheduling request process remains the same.**
- Cal Ripken v. Little League discussion. **Colleen suggested coordinating informational meetings with reps from both organizations to learn more. Colleen to reach out to Cal Ripken contact, Dan to reach out to Little League contact for availability.**

Soccer (Blaze Pecenak/Amanda Firttek)

- Soccer flier distributed 6/15 via FB and 6/28 via email.
- Medals for soccer - for which divisions? **Decided that all divisions will receive medals.**
- Sponsorships - **One sponsor per team including website and social media recognition (similar to baseball). Sabrina to complete sponsor form.**
- Conducted an assessment of township soccer goals:
 - 11v11 [4 pair]
 - 9v9 [3 pair] = 2 pair assembled, 1 pair (new/boxed)
 - 7v7 [1 pair]
 - 6v6 [5 pair]
- Will be meeting this week with township resident and certified referee (Arthur Pompei) regarding field dimensions and soccer best practices.
- Finalized Recreational Soccer Insignia/Badge with first being the requested color/design by committee.
- Player Development Initiative (PDI) standards for field size.
- Coach Recruitment via age-appropriate practice plans, game organization.
- Assessing soccer equipment. **Anticipated completion within the week.**
- Player / Coach training. **Blaze to inquire further after the July 4th holiday.**

Basketball (Renee Stevenson)

- Paul to provide status of equipment returned/owed.
- **Colleen & Sabrina to provide a timeline and other available resources for Renee to review.**

NBIAA Summer Basketball (Shawn Fitzpatrick)

- 248 registrants in total; 67 registrants from Mansfield.
- One court is being used at Mansfield Community Park for games Monday - Thursday.
- Monday/Wednesday game times are at 6:00 and 7:00 for middle school boys
- Tuesday/Thursday game times are 5:45, 6:46, and 7:45 for high school boys.

Mud Dogs Lacrosse (Brenda Lawyer/Brian Kuser)

- No report. Off Season.

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

- No report. Off Season.

Northern Burlington Travel Soccer (Blaze Pecenak)

- Spring season is over.
- Registration closes in two weeks for the Fall within the South Jersey Soccer League.
- Various players competing across NJ in soccer summer select programs (SJYS, Red Bulls, Union, Play to Learn) as well as the high school soccer league.

NBIAA Baseball (Mike Vasil)

- No report.

NBIAA Softball (CJ Janis)

- Softball / Girls: 10U girls won the Northern District BR Softball Championship.
- 8U, 12U teams placed second in the District Championships.
- Summer Basketball: Season runs June 19 thru July 25 with eight [8] divisions.

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

- No report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Facility Use/Light Fees. ***Colleen, Dan & Sabrina to meet to discuss.***

NEW BUSINESS

- Kennedy Wellness Solutions Community Exercise Classes - ***Committee will need to discuss utilization of rec funds for this purpose.***
- Ionos webpage & email addresses - ***Migration of external Recreation website (Ionos) to main Township site will eliminate multiple @mansfieldrec.com email addresses. Sabrina to discuss creating @mansfieldtwp.com email addresses with Township Clerk.***

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

ADJOURNMENT @ 9:19pm.

NEXT MEETING: August 8th, 7:30pm.