

**MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**March 12, 2024, 7:30pm**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**

The March 2024 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 30, 2024. 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 February 5, 2024.

**ATTENDANCE**

Colleen Herbert	Present
Dan Berg	Present
Amanda Firtek	Present
Blaze Pecenak	Present

Chris Romano	Present
Renee Stevenson	Absent
Matt Collier	Present
Mickey Rivera	Absent

Justin Parker	Present
Dominic Rotondo	Present

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- None

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

- February 2024 Meeting Minutes. *Motion by Dan Berg. Second by Blaze Pecenak. All present in favor.*

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

Vendor	Description	Amount	Source
Amazon	Plastic Eggs	\$177.93	REC: Special Events Current

**ACTION ITEMS/PERMITS FOR DISCUSSION/APPROVAL** *Motion to approve by Chris Romano. Second by Justin Parker. All in favor.*

Organization	Contact	Dates	Fields/Facilities	Insurance	Payment
NBIAA	Shawn Fitzpatrick	6/2024 - 8/2024	MCP Basketball Courts	Y	N/A
Blue Star Field Hockey	Naoma Green	3/2024 - 3/2025	Civic Indoor Facility	Y	Hourly

**COORDINATOR REPORT**

- Baseball Merchandise Store ~ Open through April 1<sup>st</sup>
- Vending Machine @ Civic ~ Powers Quote \$1,500 to run electrical. Sabrina will get another quote.
- Committee Member Background Checks ~ only one remains incomplete.
- Kaitlynn Panacek & Frank Flatch approved unanimously to the recreation committee; on the 3/20 Township Committee meeting agenda for appointment.

**CHAIRPERSON REPORT**

- No report.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Facilities** (Dan Berg)

- Both Mansfield Rec and NBIAA teams have started their indoor practices.
- All Mansfield Twp fields are open and will only close when the township preps them for game play which should be happening soon.
- Once fields dry next week the final inspection for base boxes will be done and any damaged boxes will be replaced.
- The NBIAA coach's meeting will be on March 20th at the indoor cage.
- We have sent out reminders to all coordinators about parking, scheduling, and policies for the indoor cage.
- New windscreen ordered for Civic ballfield.

**Basketball** (Matt Collier/Renee Stevenson)

- Season over this week.
- Matt will schedule equipment drop off date/time.
- Concerns discussed for next season - Eliminate play-offs for Minors division. Matt to follow-up with coordinators.

- Collaborative zero tolerance policy needed for all sports for all towns RE: Referee abuse. Need consistent reporting requirements for complaints on coaches, referees, parents & players.

#### **Baseball** (Chris Romano/Amanda Firtek)

- Final enrollment - 113 (up 13% from last year!):
  - Wiffle - 10 kids / 1 team
  - T-ball - 70 kids / 6 teams
  - Rookie - 33 kids / 3 teams
- All teams have 2 - 3 coaches.
- All teams have sponsors.
- Coaches mtg held 2/29, went well. Laid out thorough expectations.
- Practices start this week. Rookie games start week of Apr 8<sup>th</sup>.
- NBHS Training for t-ball 3/16 & Rookie 3/17
- Rutgers SAFETY Clinic ~ March 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 - 10pm
- Baseball Picture Day - April 30<sup>th</sup>, 5 - 9pm, Civic Indoor Facility
- Opening Night: 4/19 @ Civic
  - Three games (ALL T-ball); 5:15pm, 6:15pm, 7:15pm (approx.)
  - Wiffle to have introduction as a, "7th Inning Stretch" during first game
  - Rookies to be invited
  - Vendor(s) - Lexylicious
  - Parking Lot Coverage
  - Will need speakers, folding table, chairs.
- Parade & Field Day
  - Homerun Derby (fundraiser ideas)
- Rookie Allstars

#### **Soccer** (Blaze Pecenak/Amanda Firtek)

- Off season. No report.

#### **Northern Burlington Jr. Greyhounds Football/Cheerleading** (Mickey Rivera)

- Off season. No report.

#### **Northern Burlington Soccer Club** (Blaze Pecenak/Keith Rambo)

- No report.

#### **NBIAA Baseball** (Ken Saganowski)

- No report.

#### **NBIAA Softball** (CJ Janis)

- No report.

#### **NBIAA Basketball** (Shawn Fitzpatrick)

- No report.

#### **Mud Dogs Lacrosse** (Mike Lovenduski)

- No report.

#### **Hamilton/Northern Babe Ruth** (Jean Anderson)

- No report.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

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- Colleen to meet with Richard Kaz, NB Business Admin regarding facility use fees for regional recreation programs.
- NB Rec League Coordination meeting, Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm, Mansfield meeting room, RE Baseball.

**Motion to Adjourn** @ 8:55 pm by Dan Berg. Second by Justin Parker. All in favor.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 7:30pm.