

**MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 14, 2023**  
**DRAFT**

The November 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	Blaze Pecenak	Absent	Mickey Rivera	Present
Dan Berg	Present	Chris Romano	Present	Justin Parker	Absent
Amanda Firtek	Present	Renee Stevenson	Present	Jim Sullivan	Present
Kristin Mederos	Absent	Matt Collier	Present		

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- None received.

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

- October 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. *Motion to approve by Dan Berg. Second by Chris Romano.*

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

Vendor	Description	Amount	Source
NBSC	Soccer Referee Fees	181.00	Soccer Trust
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Coach (Soccer)	Fingerprinting Reimbursement x 1	26.98	Soccer Current
MidJersey Fenceman	MCP Batting Cage Replacement Fencing	9,000.00	Bond/Field Reserve
Nischman Irrigation	Winterize Civic Irrigation System	150.00	Rec Miscellaneous
JIII Electronics	Security Monitoring (quarterly) + new port switch @ Civic	830.00	Rec Miscellaneous
T.C. Irons	Recreation Insurance Policy (annual)	500.00	Rec Miscellaneous

**ACTION ITEMS/PERMITS FOR DISCUSSION/APPROVAL** - *Motion to approve by Dan Berg. Second by Chris Romano. All in favor.*

Organization	Contact	Dates	Fields/Facilities	Insurance	Payment
Central Jersey Rebels	Ken Saganowski	10/2023 - 10/2023	All Baseball/Indoor	Yes	No

**COORDINATOR REPORT**

- MCP Batting Cage Repair - Will need new netting for spring season. Cost \$2,037.00 (if ordered now). Approval to order nets now for installation in the Spring.
- Georgetown Batting Cage - Estimate for replacement. Will revisit in the Spring.
  - Single cage 15' x 70' x 12' with stone dust - \$21,000 + top net \$665 = \$21,665.00
  - Double cage 30' x 70' x 12' with stone dust - \$26,000 + top & divider nets \$1,375 = \$28,037.00
- DSG Partner Program proposal submitted for spring baseball season.
- Rutgers SAFETY Clinic scheduled for Thursday, 12/7.
- Background Checks (fingerprinting) mandatory by Township Ordinance. No exceptions will be allowed.
- Received contract for Red Bulls Soccer Camp 3-year renewal (2024 - 2026). Will approve and return.
- Portable toilet at Georgetown being picked up w/o 11/13.
- MCP rental light poles to be returned week of 11/13. Worked out well for the season.
- Merch Store - Considering Squad Locker or American Outfitters.

**CHAIRPERSON REPORT**

- Thank you to the soccer subcommittee for doing an amazing job running the soccer program. A lot of hard work and time went into the season and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

- The monthly meetings with the other townships are working well. We will be closing out soccer this month and transitioning into basketball. While there are some differences of opinions at the table, I think the meetings are beneficial to the programs.
- It's time to start ramping up for baseball. I will send the email to the baseball contacts in hope of initiating the baseball/softball conversation much like we have been doing with soccer and basketball.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Facilities** (Dan Berg)

- \$7,800 in bills for indoor facility use sent 10/25.

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

- Skills & Drills Clinic completed 11/4. Was overall successful.
- Increase in baseball registration fees proposed for 2024. Requires Committee approval to proceed to Township Committee. **Option 1 motion to approve by Dan Berg, second by Colleen Herbert. Motion passed. Sabrina will submit for Township Committee approval.**

Colleen Herbert	Yes
Dan Berg	Yes
Amanda Firtek	No
Kristin Mederos	Absent

Blaze Pecenak	Absent
Chris Romano	No
Renee Stevenson	Yes
Matt Collier	Yes

Mickey Rivera	Yes
Justin Parker	Absent
Jim Sullivan	Absent

- Wiffle: Current \$10 / Proposed \$25
- T-Ball: Current \$40 / Proposed \$50
- Rookie: Current \$100 / Proposed \$100
- **Option 2 for discussion** - Increase in fees with inclusion of one Trenton Thunder ticket per player for the Trenton Thunder fundraiser.
  - Wiffle: Current \$10 / Proposed \$35
  - T-Ball: Current \$40 / Proposed \$60
  - Rookie: Current \$100 / Proposed \$110
- Registration opens in January. Add \$25 late registration fee.
- Sponsorships increase to \$200 team.
- Potential pre-season weekend training clinic 3/16 & 3/17 at Civic in collaboration with the NB High School teams.
- Possible Homerun Derby fundraiser.
- Request to provide hats for coaches next year.

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

- Regular season concluded 11/4.
- One team competing in the CTAA Turkey Cup, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls.
- Equipment return:
  - Monday, November 13 between 4P-6P at MCP Concession Stand or
  - Normal business hours at Municipal Building, Community Engagement Office or
  - thru other arraignments.
- Blaze preparing Google Form for parent/coach feedback.
- Thank You to everyone that made this first new commission's season smooth and successful!

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

- 155 enrollments as of 10/10.
  - Kindergarten - 31 (3 groups; possibly 4 with another coach)
  - Rookie Boys - 37 (5 teams)
  - Rookie Girls - 17 (2 teams; possibly 3 with 4 more players) \*6 coaches
  - Minor Boys - 21 (3 teams)
  - Minor Girls -17 (2 teams)
  - Major Boys - 19 (3 teams)
  - Major Girls -13 (2 teams)
  - Volunteer Coaches - 37
    - Need Kindergarten - 1 coach & 1 assistant coach
    - Rookie boys - 1 assistant coach
    - Minor boys - 1 assistant coach

- Registration between November 2<sup>nd</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> will include a \$25 late fee.
- Assessments - Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Second Assessments - Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Request for quotes for jerseys and long-sleeve shirts sent to three vendors 11/14. Jerseys to be ordered by 11/24 for 12/15 delivery.
- Rosters to be completed the 3rd week of November.
- Equipment bags prepped and distributed week of November 20th. (Renee/Matt) *\*Distribute at coach's meeting?*
- NBIAA Coaches meeting scheduled for November 27th at MTES.
- Practices can start November 28<sup>th</sup>, games start the first week in January.

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

- Congratulations to the Jr Greyhounds Football teams!
- All levels made the playoffs and are playing at home next Saturday on the varsity field. Everyone is encouraged to attend and the support will be greatly appreciated, so spread the word!
  - 90's who are the 1 seed and undefeated with 8 wins will play @ 9am
  - 105's who are the 3 seed with 7 wins and 1 loss will play @ 11am
  - 120's who are the 2 seed with 7 wins and 1 loss will play @ 1pm
  - 145's who are the 2 seed with 6 wins and 2 losses will play @ 3pm

**Northern Burlington Soccer Club** (Blaze Pecenak)

- No report.

**NBIAA Baseball** (Ken Saganowski/Jason Shafer)

- No report.

**NBIAA Softball** (CJ Janis)

- No report.

**NBIAA Basketball** (Shawn Fitzpatrick)

- No report.

**Mud Dogs Lacrosse** (Kristin Mederos/Mike Lovenduski)

- No report.

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

- No report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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- None.

**Public Comment** - None

**Motion to Adjourn** @ 8:58pm. Motion to adjourn by Dan Berg. Second by Chris Romano. All in favor.

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