

**MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 10, 2023**  
**DRAFT**

The October 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
Dan Berg	Present
Amanda Firtek	Present
Kristin Mederos	Present

Blaze Pecenak	Present
Chris Romano	Present
Renee Stevenson	Present
Matt Collier	Present

Mickey Rivera	Present
Justin Parker	Present
Jim Sullivan	Present

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- None received.

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

- September 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. *Motion by Dan Berg. Second by Justin Parker. All in favor.*

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

Vendor	Description	Amount	Source
Coaches	Fingerprinting Reimbursement x 4	\$107.92	Soccer Current
AD Starr (DSG)	Soccer Balls, Coaches Clipboards & Ice Packs	\$374.38	Soccer Current
BSN	DuraStripe White, 10 Cases	\$750.00	Soccer Current
BSN	Corner Flag Set & Replacement Flags	\$178.00	Soccer Current
Signs on the Cheap	Basketball Registration Lawn Sign x 6	\$149.37	Basketball Current
Rutgers	Coach SAFETY Clinic (9 + 2 Springfield)	\$640.00	Current - Misc.
B&D Screen Printing	Rec Baseball Clinic T-Shirts	\$144.00	Baseball Trust

**ACTION ITEMS/PERMITS FOR DISCUSSION/APPROVAL** – *Motion to approve by Colleen Herbert. Second by Dan Berg. All in favor. (Discussion notes below.)*

Organization	Contact	Dates	Fields/Facilities	Insurance	Payment
Jersey Outlaws	Erick Simonds	8/2023 - 8/2024	MCP & Civic	Y	Y
NBLC Muddogs*	Mike Lovenduski	11/5/2023 - 3/24/2024	Civic Indoor Facility	Y	N
Soccer Fundamentals	Kyle Custer	12/5/2023 - 3/12/2024	Civic Indoor Facility	Y	\$50/hr.

*\*Discussion regarding Muddogs billing and facility use. Mike Lovenduski attended the meeting to answer questions.*

*Projected registration numbers based on previous year: 130 kids, \$150 pp, 9 teams, 16 games per season. Most players are from the NB district with a few from Florence, RV, and Bordentown. Registration begins mid-November; rosters completed in January.*

*Dan reports requested indoor training facility billable hours will substantially exceed the recreation program usage fee. (November through March, 9 hrs/week for 21 weeks @ \$50/hr.) (\$9,450 vs \$2,500). Requested justification for Mud Dogs being billed as a recreation program vs a travel club. Colleen recollects a Resolution made by all four NB townships acknowledging the Muddogs as the regional recreational lacrosse program. Sabrina will try to find said resolution.*

*Dan discussed the significant wear and tear on the building walls from the lacrosse balls. Mike said he will assert to coaches that balls are NOT to be rebounded off building walls. Offered to help with repairs with parent volunteers.*

*Sunday training facility use is not a concern as the facility is mostly vacant on weekends. Three consecutive hours on a weeknight may need to be split among days. There is interest in using fields in Community Park for the spring season (March through May), as well as Civic field for a limited number of night games. Previously using Chesterfield Municipal Building field space at no charge.*

*Kristin is the new Muddogs liaison to the Rec committee. Mike will be the President and acting Treasurer until they find a new one.*

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## COORDINATOR REPORT

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- MCP Batting Cage Repair - Fencing arrived Monday, 9/11. Installation 10/9 & 10/10.
- Georgetown Batting Cage - Get estimate to replace cage. Waiting on dimensions.
- Merch Store - Contacted Showcase Sports. Work in progress.
- Received payment from NBIAA for State Tournament expenses.
- Restrooms at MCP repaired and reopened on 10/2. *All park restrooms will be closed for the season after soccer.*
- Civic irrigations system shut off and flushed for the season on 10/3.

## CHAIRPERSON REPORT

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- Committee members returning for 2024. *Members that plan to return for 2024 should email Sabrina to let her know. All seats are currently full.*
- Babe Ruth update. *Colleen and Sabrina had a telephone conversation with Jean Anderson regarding concerns paying for Georgetown Park baseball field use and light fees. They cannot commit to the \$2,500 annual permit fee. Will revisit after registrations in January. Could possibly pay the light fees. Based on 2023 game schedule, light fees would be approx. \$1,300.*
- *Reminder that coaches using lit fields should text Sabrina when games or practices are over so lights can be turned off.*

## SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

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### Facilities (Dan Berg)

- No report.

### Baseball (Chris Romano)

- Drills & Skills Fall Clinic - Going well! Last clinic is November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Increase in baseball registration fees proposed for 2024. Chris & Amanda to prepare recommendations.
- Scheduling of Little League & Cal Ripken meetings.

### Soccer (Blaze Pecenek/Amanda Firtek)

- Matches
  - Half way through the season, going well.
  - One rainout weekend which was made up October 06/07.
  - No coach, parent, nor referee issues on the field thus far.
- Communication with coaches
  - Train-the-trainer had little engagement so cancelled.
  - Individual team trainings also had little engagement, so did not plan.
  - Reminded to check NBIAA Website for any game changes due to field or referee availability.
- Practices
  - Using lighted fields now that it is getting dark early.
  - Coaches are to utilize the practice field reserve spreadsheet for all visibility.
- Field-Lining Schedule
  - Difficulty getting volunteers.
  - Mostly coaches with a handful of parents. Covered to this point by coordinators (soccer, facilities, baseball).
- MCP rental light poles to be returned on 11/6. Worked out well for the season.
- Picture Day is tomorrow, October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Indoor Training Facility, 5pm - 8pm.

### Basketball (Renee Stevenson/Matt Collier)

- NB Recreation Basketball Coordinator Meeting, Oct 19, 7:30pm. Will discuss rules, among other things.
- Renee and Matt now have access to TeamSideline and the email account.
- Registration open October 1st - November 1st. November 2<sup>nd</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> will include a \$25 late fee.
- 54 enrollments as of 10/10.
  - Kindergarten - 9
  - Rookie Boys - 18
  - Rookie Girls - 8
  - Minor Boys - 4
  - Minor Girls - 7
  - Major Boys - 4
  - Major Girls - 4
  - Volunteer Coaches - 6

- Preseason Clinic prior to assessments. Update: Decided we would not do this.
- Assessments - Wednesday, November 1st. Would like to request everyone's "buy in" for how we plan to conduct assessments. (Matt + Renee) *Discussion on whether a coach 'draft' is necessary or if coordinators can assign equal rosters based on assessment ratings. Decision made to discuss at the 10/16 Recreation Coordination meeting and inquire how the other Township's handle team rostering. Consider multi-night assessment in the future.*
- Rosters to be completed the 2nd week of November.
- Jerseys to be ordered November 10th. (Sabrina)
- Equipment bags prepped and distributed week of November 13th. (Renee/Matt)
- Practices start November 27th.
- 1st through 6th grade games scheduled by NBIAA. Run the first week of January through the first week of March, followed by playoffs.
- Blackout dates have been sent to the schedulers by Sabrina.
- Kindergarten does not play games. Skills clinics only.

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

- South Jersey Girls Soccer League (SJGSL) midway through their Saturday season.
- South Jersey (Boys) Soccer League (SJS�) midway through their Sunday season.
- Some participated in Columbus Day Tournaments.
- Some scheduled their South Jersey Cup games this weekend (Oct. 06/07) off.

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

- *Greyhounds are on a bye week this week, and the first half of the season is complete (4 of 8 games total).*
- *90's are 4-0, putting them in 1<sup>st</sup> place for their division.*
- *105's are 3-1, putting them in 2<sup>nd</sup> place for their division.*
- *120's are 4-0, putting them in 1<sup>st</sup> place for their division.*
- *145's are 4-0, putting them in 1<sup>st</sup> place for their division.*
- *Greyhounds next game will be on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, and will be an away game.*
- *The next home game is Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, played at the high school practice field. Start times are as follows:*
  - *90's - 9am*
  - *105's - 11am*
  - *120's - 1pm*
  - *145's - 3pm*

#### **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)

- *See discussion on page 1 under permit requests.*

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

- No report.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

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- *Colleen requested a formal attendance policy be discussed at the next meeting.*

#### **Public Comment** - None

**Motion to Adjourn** @ 9:15pm. Motion to approve by Dan Berg. Second by Chris Romano. All in favor.

**Next Meeting:** November 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm.