

## Sports Advisory Board Meeting

March 15<sup>th</sup> 2018

Meeting time: 7:07pm

Started meeting with Pledge of Allegiance.

Jim spoke about the importance of paperwork:

- Flag Football is working on nonprofit status, put the paperwork in a couple month ago.
- Everyone is to be caught up with Megan law and how many people signed up in each sport.
- The group spoke about the signage for each organization and turning the Island across from Geets & Walgreens into a signed area where we can all advertise in one location and making this area look amazing and beautiful. Jim spoke to the fact that there are only 2 WOW factors in this town 1. Geets 2. Library. This sign would make #3.
- We have an identity crisis in town. Are we Williamstown or Monroe Township? He suggest we should combin our name to Monroe Williamstown or Williamstown Monroe.
- We have \$62,000 dollars in our Background Funds, Washington twp. gave money back to each organizations but their parks and rec department doesn't do what we do for these leagues with the maintaining of the fields and such.
- Hockey asked about why are we putting a sign up and spend 60k if someone changes the name of the town. Jim answered that council will make that decision with the name change.
- Little League expressed you have only 20 seconds at a red light, how can you find what you need in that time? Hockey say he can't see the D.O.T. allowing this. Football stated what if they only have 1 sign that they highlighted each sport for a certain season? Travel Baseball said that they love the Owen's sign and every time he drives by he looks at a difference section.
- Lacrosse suggested that we change the wording on the website from Megan's law badge to sports advisory board collections.
- Jim spoke about how we need to beautify the town maybe we need to add an Arch on Main st, Welcome to main st, or something like that.
- Football asked if Hockey is against the sign or if they just feel slighted from Parks & Rec's about the maintenance of the rinks.
- There was a tif regarding how hockey feels about Parks and Rec, football asked how we can fix the relationship between the two organizations.
- Parks & Rec bus their humps this year and tries to go over and above for each organization.
- Travel Baseball suggest to vote on this sign, Little league asked if we needed to? Hockey said Electronic vote by Friday. P&R agreed electronic vote by Friday @ 2pm. Current Vote is 7-Yes, 3-No

Software Programs:

- P&R explained that we would like to stream line the registration process and spoke to the benefits of making this process a one stop shop for parents. Having each sport, the parks & rec

and camp squankum on one website. The information for the kids are already in website, just prompts for each organization requesting the information that they might need updated.

- P&R explained that even tho this would be under the parks and rec umbrella we would not be able to access the organization information nor the money that they bring in. Each organization will have their own direct bank routing number to go to their bank.
- What we need from each organization:
  - What do they need in a software company? We need to know that so we can pick a software that would work for all the needs of each organization.
  - Flag football suggested looking into Dicks and explained a little about the software and Soccer using Demosphere.

#### Rec Center

- 12 acres is given to the township from Pin Oak development
- Jim is proposing a Rec Center that will hold:
  - 90,000 square foot
  - 4 full size Basket Ball Ct (4<sup>th</sup> court interchangeable indoor hockey or soccer)
  - All-Purpose turf field
  - Wrestling & Cheer location
  - Senior Dinning
  - Lobby
  - Offices
  - Conference room
  - Another all-purpose room
  - 5 more meeting room
  - Work out area w/ family membership, family of 4 for \$200 a year
  - A Stage
- Small sized River Wind, letting the spring, fall and winter sports have a home. This is estimated to cost around 18 million dollars.
- Lacrosse asked do we need to pay for the permits,
- No you don't, you just need a permit, ran the same way as the outside sports do.

#### Events in Town

- Parks and Rec went through the list of the events that are happening in just the next couple of months and it was a long list.
- Little League asked to change the date for Opening day to Aril 6<sup>th</sup>
- Let us know if you have an event going on so we can get the word out.

#### Duffy Snack Stand

- P&R running it
- The P & R guys are building it and we need donations for material.

#### Owens Park

- P&R is looking to selling advertising spots for 2 years on the next sign that we make or the wall we just built.
- Rest rooms:
  - Our attendant's don't come in until 12pm on the weekends
  - How do we make sure we can get the rest rooms open early?
  - Let us know if you have an event going on and need anything open.
  - Our guards leave at 10pm so we can't manage after 10pm.
- Dog Park in Owen's South 1.5 miles each section with 3 passive rec areas, breaking ground in October and will have parking for 120 cars.

#### Canceling events or practices

- We try to get the word out as soon as possible when fields are canceled and we are trying to improve that communication with the new software we are looking into.
- Coaches call, if there is more than a cleat mark left after stepping on the field, DON'T play.
- We are trying to get on the fields to get them ready and the storm effects our P&R guys from prepping the fields for upwards to 3 days after the storm.

#### Open for Discussion:

- Lacrosse- Port-o-ports are there until we can open our bathroom at Duffy
- Basketball- resurfacing quotes for Tennis court \$70,000-\$165,000 to do that. We found a company to come in and train our guys to resurface the courts. The cost will come down to about \$15,000 but it takes all of our guys out of the field for 7 days.
- Hockey crack will be fixed by them, they said that should never happened.
- P&R states that the equipment is minimal and looking to invest in the equipment, rather than renting it. We are going to look into sharing it with the high school.
- Adding more courts for basketball at Owens. We need approval from Pine land to clear the area.
- Basketball had 248 kids register but no coaches, they held a parents meeting and 14 parent coaches came from that.
- P&R suggested to put together training courses every two months to make parents more comfortable with coaching.
- U.S. Lacrosse has those course

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