

Sport Advisory Board

4/24/18

Meeting started 7:07pm w with Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Minutes & Clubhouse:**

- No one objected or need changes to the minutes
- P&R added shelves and all the paperwork to the Clubhouse making it available for each organization when they have their meeting there.

### **Bi-Laws:**

- Everyone received a copy of the Bi-laws.
- How do we approve anything with the Sports advisory board? The SAB doesn't need to take issues or matters to council, after P&R and Finance reviewed the bi-laws it states that we only need a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote to change any bi-law with in our board.
- Wrestling asked; Are the people here the board and who is the president and vice president?
- Do we need a president or vice president?
- Hockey asked to clear up what is being asked about the 2/3 vote, if we change the bi-law, does that mean that the sign that P&R is proposing, as long as we have 2/3rds the vote will go through? If that is the case hockey is not on board with this. Hockey is voting for a percentage of the money go back to each organization. Hockey would like to put another rink out at Owen's and get the other two rinks resurfaced.
- There was a discussion on if the 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote should or could be used to move the extra money in the kitty fund for the sign that P&R is proposing.
- Football explained the situation again and that it's a grey area about what to do with the money, whether it be for a sign for the community or it goes back to the organization.
- P&R explained that the organizations have the ability to raise there registration fee but P&R doesn't have a way to raise funds. Also if the organization donated the money from the Meghan's law kitty fund, it would be a leg to stand on with council. When Jim goes to the council meeting and request funds for each organization, he can say look what the SAB donated to this town to give back, they really could use a new rink or field or court.
- Football said how would you determine what organization gets what money? P&R said we would have to vote on it but Washington Township gave 20% back to each organization of what they put in over the years for Meghan's law.
- Hockey and P&R had a back and forth, Tif, about what P&R has done for Hockey
- Wrestling turned it back around to the president and vice president question and asked why we don't have one?
- Soccer stated that the turn around on the president in each organization is high and happens often is the nature of the beast. It's hard to hold a presidents positions here too.
- Football said we should have a president and vice president to help with any disagreement and have the structure with the board.
- Meredith suggested that the president of the Sports Advisory Board should not be someone from the outside, no one truly knows what a president does for their organization.

- Frank from Football volunteered to be the president and be the liaison for the group and Tre would be the vice pending approval, Tiffany will be the secretary.
- The meetings were supposed to be quarterly. Do we need to change that to monthly? We would need 2/3 vote to change the meetings. The group kept the meetings to quarterly and agreed that if there is a president change in the organizations, the new president needs to know about these meeting.
- This group was built off the fact that people were not happy with an organization and come to P&R asking if the organization was following the rules. The Sports Advisory Board is all the presidents and Parks and Rec coming together to make sure that each organization is following their bi-laws and share any concerns with coaches/parents or issues, if they arise.

#### **Review Signage:**

- P&R spoke about the ID crisis in town and doing a grand sign when you come into town.
- What this town does have is great organizations and we are very thankful that we have volunteers to help run these sports.
- P&R suggested that Main St commission should put an arch welcoming everyone to Main St at the 5 points intersection.
- If the SAB did our part and put a beautiful sign, we can go to other commissions and say we did our part, what are you doing?
- P&R also suggested looking at Electronic Signs out at each park, if we didn't do the WM sign at Blackhorse Pike. The cost for each electronic sign is around \$16,000 each.
- If the SAB doesn't jump on WM and we do get the approval for the sign from the state, this opportunity will go to business in town not the sports.
- Football said that even the lawn signs are effective, this sign is a greater look for our town.
- Wrestling said we should table this until we have an answer from the state.
- P&R will investigate further into the WM & Electronic sign.

#### **Rec Center:**

- P&R went to the council meeting the night before to present the rec center. Jim explained to them about the life of a parent, running around to 5 different locations in town for each kid Owens, Duffy, Radix, soccer, etc.. By the end of the night they are exhausted running to all these different locations. He explained that we don't have a home for Basketball, Wrestling, Cheer and our Camp Squankum we need to give them a home. They loved the idea of the rec center and have formed a commission to help move forward with this. Informally people want a pool in the rec center too but the cost will rise if we move forward with that.
- Mayor Teefy said we need to collect and get the input from the SAB, this is where it starts, knowing the need of the organizations and if the organizations do have input then let P&R know.
- Revenue dollars will come from the workout facility, camp, sponsorships, Wawa and Walmart
- The gains for this rec center is possibly making some of it a rental location (if space allows) and that it backs up to football fields which means more parking.

**Software programs:**

- P&R is still looking into software programs to make it a one stop shop for the parents, kids registration information is already in and prompts to change what is needed for each group.
- P&R is asking for input on the other programs that the SAB uses.

**Group information:**

- This is what each sport is asking for, the needs and why they need it. Please fill out the paperwork that P&R gave them. This way we can have a record each year showing that there is a need. So far with have Hockey's, Lacrosse and Football's.

**Paving & Coating:**

- Jim and Bill visited Lenape High school and what they thought was going to be an affordable option for resurfacing the tennis court, basketball courts and hockey rinks turned out that it wasn't, due to the harsh winter the tennis court cracked at this high school and it was back to square one with finding an affordable solution. The company that came out to fix the cracks in the hockey rinks, will come back again the end of May to redo and patch the work they did.
- The quotes for our tennis courts resurfacing at Owen's park came back lowest being \$55,000 highest being \$165,000.
- Football asked how much it would cost to do the rink, Hockey explained it's the under lay that makes the cracks and it come back so it is really costly.
- Football said if it's a safety issue then we need to put up or find the money.
- Funds will have to be put in for a capital fund, which needs to be in at the latter part of this year.
- Mayor Teefy states we will need to band aid the problem for now and put in the request for the capital fund next year's budget.
- Hockey wouldn't mind pitching in to help with the cost

**Duffy Snack Stand:**

- P&R reports we should be up and running for next spring, township will run the concession stand, just need to make enough to cover cost.
- Mayor Teefy approved the funds to finish the Duffy House snack stand, he is working on getting the funds donated from Developers.
- Rotary built the playground and they came! What an amazing job they did and a great asset to the park.

**Open Discussion/Needs:**

- Wrestling asked what our budget from township is, we get \$76,000 a year, soccer was impressed that P&R budget is only 76 G's Soccer's has \$75,000 a year for just their fields.
- Lacrosse asked for electric in the shed for them to run their scoreboards. They also complemented Gary at Duffy field he is doing a fabulous job up keeping the fields by himself and the signs are working for the dog duty, it has gone down since the signs have been up. P&R explained that the ordinance actually states that dogs are not allowed at the parks and we

would not want to inforce that since is a great things for dog owners to have them run but we need them leashed.

- Wrestling asked who to see about scheduling practice and tournaments at the school. Football explained the process of requesting at the board of Ed and to see Beth in transportation for the forms to fill out but you have to get it in on the first day of June.
- Hockey states that they are finishing up the financial proposal and will get it to Jim.
- Next meeting for SAB is July 9<sup>th</sup> 2018
- Jim explained to the presidents that we understand that you are all volunteers and have full time jobs, don't be afraid to call our office and source out Tiffany for any help you might need. Tiffany made many best friends that night.
- Maintenance of fields is a slow process and we are behind due to the weather and the bad winter that we had please bare with us while we try to get these fields/courts/rinks up and running. We are also a man down and it's hard when you're playing catch up with not a full roaster.
- Please send P&R registrations dates and flyers

Motion to close meeting adjourned 9:07pm.