

SAB Meeting
October 17, 2022
Call to order 8:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Frank Kopa, Nikki Hand, Greg Wolfe, Brent Salvatore, Tiffany Carney

Sports:

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| Football and Cheerleading | P |
| Hockey | A |
| Basketball | P |
| Little League | P |
| Travel Baseball | P |
| Lacrosse | A |
| Soccer | A |
| Wrestling | P |

Old Business

New Business

Tiffany was asked by Frank to attend the meeting to explain field permits and procedures.

Meredith resigned as Lacrosse president and VP of SAB. No nominations were made, the board agreed to table the nomination until the January meeting when re elections are scheduled.

Explanation as to why the SAB was established. The original football program in Monroe Twp had many issues, with many parents upset over how the program was being run. Those parents decided to start their own football and cheer program because there was no board in Monroe Twp for them to express their concerns. This created an issue of field space and eventually led to the decline and end of the original program. To avoid this happening in the future and help protect the recognized organizations in Monroe Twp, Monroe Twp will only recognize the sports organizations listed in the Monroe Twp Park and Rec Handbook. In 2019 the town separated the SAB from the Parks and Rec commission so the SAB is their own governing board.

The Monroe Twp Parks and Rec Handbook was created to assist the sports organizations with a clear understanding as to what their responsibilities in the town and to the town are, and also what the towns responsibilities are to the organizations. The hand book was last updated in 2019, during the January 2023 meeting, the SAB board will need to make suggestions for any changes that may need to be made to update the hand book. There are several outdated forms that are now available on the Monroe Twp Parks and Rec website.

Hockey has received new rink decks with the assistance of the town and their own fundraising.

Basketball Church Street courts should be finished soon. Basketball will run an outdoor summer league from June through July. The town will add parking to Church Street to accommodate the new courts. Little league expressed concerns about limited parking. Overflow parking for Church St. fields and courts is at Oak Knoll, just as overflow parking at Owen's is available at Williamstown High School. We understand people may not want to park and walk to these venues, but that is the only option we have.

Little league questioned the procedure for field permits. Frank, Brent and Tiffany re-explained the procedure for recognized sports organizations and how fields are divided upon different organizations.

Little League and SJ Braves travel baseball explained they are working together to help each other. SJ Braves will be giving vouchers to parents who sign their child up for little league but do not feel parents should be forced to play both.

Background Check ID fund, all organizations are required to pay \$1 per registered player into the fund. If organizations have several seasons, they are to use the highest registered players for one season throughout the year to pay into the fund. The fund helps reimburse organizations the cost of coaches background checks. Organizations are to reimburse coaches their background fees and collect all coaches background check receipts then turn in receipts to Monroe Twp to be reimbursed.

Contacting Tiffany during the day, please send an email to Tcarney@monroetownshipnj.org. Her personal cell phone should only be used during off office hours or emergencies. All questions or concerns should be sent in email not text. This helps everyone keep track of questions or concerns.

Lights

All organizations should have their own call in code for MUSCO to access control of lights that are not on manual timers. Lights should be left on at all fields until 10pm for safety reasons. Tiffany will make sure all organizations have codes to access.

Fields

Little League and SJ Braves are asking that the fields be taken care of in a specific manner that has already been addressed with the town and field personnel. Many organizations expressed frustration over field maintenance and lack thereof. Several requests have been ignored or done incorrectly and there seems to be no accountability. Greg informed the board we can go to the mayor or town council to discuss these issues if they are not being handled correctly.

Meeting adjourned 9:39pm