

SAB Meeting
Oct 3, 2023
Call to order 7:04pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Frank Kopa, Nikki Hand, Brian Cope, Don Heverly, Tiffany Carney

Sports:

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

Old Business

New Business

Greg Wolfe, has expressed his desire to amend the Parks and Rec handbook rule of
D. ORGANIZATION FEES AND CHARGES

The ORGANIZATION may charge reasonable fees in order to conduct its business. All proposed fees and charges must be submitted to the department for review and documentation for publicizing and sharing with the public.

All revenue received by the ORGANIZATION must be used for the sole purpose of program operations or toward the improvement or betterment of the town facility being used. Charged admission or parking fees will not be allowed. Donations are allowed for admission, but no required parking fees will be permitted.

The Monroe Township Parks and Recreation Department reserves to the right to audit the financial records of the ORGANIZATION at any reasonable time.

* Non-Resident Fees – should be assessed to those participants who reside outside of Monroe Township at an additional \$____ per new registrant. The non-resident fees should be paid directly to the Parks and Recreation within three weeks of the close of registration. It is the responsibility of the ORGANIZATION to verify Township residency and submit to the department with registration/roster forms.

*At this time there are No Fees charged to Monroe Township groups. However, this policy is under review.

E. RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

All participants shall be from Monroe Township for Town organizational teams.

Any resident that has lived in Monroe Township and moved out of MT may continue to play in MT and be grandfathered in for continued participation.

Any participant wishing to play in MT from another town must submit just cause for approval

. (example) Participant's town does not offer the sport

He is looking to amend the current 75 in town/25% out of town allowable athletes to 90/10

SAB asked for the reasoning behind the change since it has been in existence for appx 20 years/since the creation of the Parks and Rec handbook

Brian stated it was due to complaints about out of town players playing in our town and not paying taxes. Jimmy McGee stated it was due to field space. SAB members challenged the field space issue by stating several current sports organizations used to have double the amount of athletes and no issues with field space. Many of our sports organizations have declined in the amount of athletes they currently have or are not nearly as close to their highest number of rostered players in the past.

McGee stated as a school board member that he was informed of complaints from the high school that the youth feeder programs are doing a horrible job. Many SAB organizations took extreme offense to this statement since many of the youth programs are in better standings than the high school programs.

Lacrosse stated with the 90/10 they will be forced to fold due to the need of our of town athletes to help fill rosters.

Travel baseball and Football/cheerleading stated they will look into leaving the town or other alternatives to help protect their organizations and athletes. Soccer stated they are currently looking into purchasing their own land for practices so they do not need to be affiliated with the town anymore.

SAB stated the financial costs to the town to maintain the fields is the same if 10 or 100 athletes are utilizing the fields.

SAB stated in town youth are not playing sports anymore or are only playing one sport, so many of our rostered numbers are down from years ago.

SAB members also expressed their concern that Mayor Wolfe was not present to discuss the matter that severely affects many of the town organizations.

SAB agrees with the concern of the number of out of town athletes can be a issue and that their should be some monetary compensation for those that do not live in town to contribute back to Monroe Township.

SAB countered Mayor Wolfes proposal with a 80/20 of overall rostered players not to exceed 25% of out of town athletes

\$30 fee per out of town player over the 20% (with the understanding the fee will go back towards the maintenance of the fields)

Exceptions for athletes that do not have the sport in their town

Hardship clause to help fill out rosters so in town athletes can play without organization folding

Brian and McGee were asked by SAB what is the town and school board going to do to help recruit more in town athletes. Parents have no way of knowing about in town sports due to schools not allowing information flyers to be sent out and county removed posts across from Geets diner where all town sports would place signage to advertise sign ups stating the posts were too difficult to mow around however the town has placed several very large structures advertising events in town with their signs being removed. Nothing is being done in the town to help promote youth sports.

Brian stated he will look into ability to place signage at Duffy field and McGee stated he will discuss with school board the ability to place flyers back into the schools.

Brian addressed parking issues at all fields.

Little League had some juveniles break into one of their sheds and steal equipment. Police are looking into the matter. They did set up a wishlist and all items have been replaced.

Meeting adjourned 8:38