

**TOWNSHIP OF UPPER
SPORTS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
2100 TUCKAHOE ROAD
PETERSBURG, NJ 08270
CAPE MAY COUNTY
MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 5, 2013 MEETING**

**REGULAR MEETING OF
THE SPORTS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD –7:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

SUNSHINE ANNOUNCEMENT

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Ed Barr - absent
Georgette Costello - present
Albert Harris - present
Ron Di Giovanni - present
Kevin Wiesner - present

Also present was Municipal Clerk, Barbara Young.

Present in the audience was Frank Fumo, John Halbruner, Jason Couse, Daryl DiTroia, Dave Perro, Tom Breazeale, Bill Handley, Doug Keil, Dan Dubbs, Kevin McGonigle, Mike Jones, Dennis Fisher, Darin Bird, Larry Cole, Dave Krause, Leo Leopardi, and Dave Vitiello.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Approval of the October 24, 2013 minutes was made by Al Harris and seconded by Ron Di Giovanni. All approved.

REPORT OF BOARD MEMBERS

REPORT OF SPORTS COORDINATORS -

Mike Jones – Lacrosse – Season will start the first Saturday in March and run until the Sunday before Memorial Day. This year we had 119 boy's grades 3 through 8. This year started the girl's program, 96 girl's grades 3 through 8 registered for the program.

David Perro – Inline hockey - Starts in September and there are four levels of players. Kindergarten thru first grade play foot hockey; second thru fourth grade play inline hockey. These two levels are strictly practice and play. They have fifth thru eighth grade and ninth thru twelfth grade play travel inline hockey. The playoffs start December 9. On December 20 they will be hosting their only fundraiser the Black and Gray Invitational. Mr. Perro reported that the Inline Hockey Team is a member of the Cape May County Hockey Association. Also, discussed was the condition of the hockey rink at Amanda's Field.

John Halbruner - Baseball- Just finished our fall ball season. Spring season games begin in April. They have about three hundred children participating from tee ball through Babe Ruth. They run pitching clinics at the indoor batting facility at Amanda's Field thru the winter.

Daryl DiTroia - Challenger – This September we had 70 soccer players which was a ten percent increase from last year. Baseball was in April, January we had bowling. For the Special Olympics we have four to seven participates in the track and field events.

Doug Keil – Wrestling - Season is starting now and goes to 3rd week of February. We split ability level 1-4 grade, 5-8 grade, it goes by age and weight. No child will wrestle a child 3 or 4 pounds heavy or one year older. They have wrestlers that travel to different tournaments after February. They have summer camps and their big fundraiser is the tournament that is held at the Upper Township Middle School. They are in the South Jersey Youth Wrestling League.

Dan Dubbs – Soccer - currently has 340 players between recreation and travel. Travel practices begin in February and games start in March. Soccer's travel program is affiliated with the South Jersey Soccer League and the Girls South Jersey Soccer League. They currently have our 8v8 fields set at 40 by 70 yards which is the minimal for our U-11 team. They will need to maximize the field's sizes to 50 by 80 yards for that age group by the fall season 2014.

Soccer had an issue; a player had a concussion and had to be air lifted to CHOP. Dan Dubbs asked that if a parent is not present at a game and that child has a head injury, what is the Township's protocol, should an ambulance be called or not? The Soccer Association has a set a policy that if a child is injured and the parents are not there, they call for an ambulance. The parents can sign a refusal once they get to the hospital.

Georgette Costello seriously suggested having our coaches trained in First Aid. We should look into this before any child's injury becomes worst because of a delay in calling an ambulance.

Kevin McGonigle – Basketball- travel season starts this weekend. Travel has 120 players, grade 3 thru 8 boys and girls. Recreation teams have 300 boys and 120 girls, 1 thru 8 grades. Cal High School league has 80 boys. Recreation basketball begins the first

of the year. The School Board has allowed us the use of the Primary, Elementary, and Middle schools. They also use the Community Center.

Dave Vitiello - Softball –Spring season 132 players registered. They have Farm, Structural, and Travel teams. The travel teams played Middle, Dennis Township and Woodbine. Two Minor leagues teams and one Junior League team won the Championship and our Tournament team ages 13-14 won second place.

CORRESPONDENCE

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Advisory Board meeting dates for 2014.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Signs for each field that will refer to the Facility Use Ordinance and General Penalty is being given to our Township Solicitor.
2. Permit for use of facilities- this is being looked into by the Clerk's office.
3. Fines for using the Upper Township fields is in the Facility Use Ordinance 1-5 General Penalty 1-5.1 Maximum Penalty.
4. Bill Handley had inquired about online calendar. Per Barbara Young we are still looking into this matter. Per Bill Handley –he did talk to Ed Corcoran, township computer technical about the Quick Scores Program. The cost for a team per year is only \$6.00 for the Quick Scores Program
5. Keys for the fields the Safety Committee is looking into this matter.
6. John Halbruner asked if the Travel Team Criteria for Sanction Consideration Proposal by the Upper Township Baseball Association was decided on. It was not. Al Harris suggested having the Township Solicitor look at our by-laws.

DISCUSSION

Dennis Fisher a member of the Parent's representatives for football asked that the Advisory Board ask the Football Board for help transitioning into the new Football Board and reviewing the proposed new By-Laws that the parents have drawn up.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution to conduct a closed meeting pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, from which the public shall be excluded, for possible discussions on items of litigation, contract negotiations, and/or personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Al Harris and seconded by Ron Di Giovanni. All approved. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

****Please note—the order of the agenda may be changed at the discretion of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Board.**