

**Upper Township
Sports and Recreation Advisory Board**

2100 Tuckahoe Rd.

Petersburg, NJ 08270

Regular Meeting of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Board

January 24th 2019

MINUTES

Call to Order

- January 24 2019 7:00 pm

Sunshine Announcement

In Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Law, I wish to state that on Monday January 7th, 2019 the notice of this meeting of the Upper Township Sports and Recreation Advisory Board was posted on the official Township Bulletin Board, emailed to the Cape May County Gazette, the Atlantic City Press, the Ocean City Sentinel-Ledger, the Herald Times and filed with the Upper Township Sports and Recreation Advisory Board Secretary. Tonight's meeting is being audio recorded up until the closed session portion of this meeting. I hereby direct that this announcement be made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

Salute the Flag

Roll Call of the Recreation Advisory Board Members

| Name | Present | Absent |
|---|---------|--------|
| Upper Township Sports and Recreation Chairman of the Board - Ron DiGiovanni | X | |
| Sports and Recreation Advisor Assistant Chairman of the Board - Bruce DiNardo | X | |
| Upper Township Sports and Recreation Advisor - Joe Lotek | X | |
| Upper Township Sports and Recreation Advisor - Bob Kimball | X | |
| Township Committeeman of Recreation - Hobie Young | | X |
| Township Committeeman of Public Works - Ed Barr | | X |
| Upper Township Sports and Recreation Secretary - Larry Cole | X | |
| Upper Township Clerk – Barbara Young | X | |

Roll Call of the Recreation Programs

| Organization | Present | Absent | Representative 1 | Representative 2 |
|--------------|---------|--------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Baseball | X | | Mr. Randy Lieser | |
| Basketball | X | | Mr. Fran Willett | Mr. Kevin Marr |
| Challenger | X | | Mr. Daryl Ditroia | |
| Cheerleading | | X | | |
| Football | X | | Mr. Mark Pancoast | |
| Hockey | | X | | |
| Lacrosse | X | | Mr. Gunner Roberts | |
| Soccer | | X | | |
| Softball | X | | Ms. Christine Hoffman | |
| Wrestling | | X | | |

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Swearing in of the Members

- The Attending Board Members were sworn in by Mrs. Barbara Young Township Clerk
- Chairman of the Board Nomination and Vote
 - Mr. Ron DiGiovanni
 - Offered 1st Mr. Bruce Dinardo 2nd Mr. Joe Loteck
 - All sitting members voted in favor
- Assistant Chairman of the Board Nomination and Vote
 - Mr. Bruce DiNardo
 - Offered 1st Mr. Ron DiGiovanni 2nd Mr. Joe Loteck
 - All sitting members voted in favor of the approval

Approval of Minutes

- Novemberth 2018
 - Offered 1st Mr. Bruce Dinardo 2nd Mr Robert Kimball
 - All sitting members voted in favor

Setting of the 2019 Schedule of meetings

- 2019 Sports and Rec Advisory Board Meetin Schedule
 - Submitted by the Sports and Recreation Secretary for approval

Upper Township
Sports and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday March 28, 2019
Thursday May 23, 2019
Thursday August 22, 2019
Thursday November 21, 2019
All Meetings are held at 7:00 PM in the
Upper Township Municipal Building
2100 Tuckahoe Rd. Petersburg, NJ 08270

- Offered 1st Mr. Bruce Dinardo 2nd Mr Robert Kimball
 - All sitting members voted in favor

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Report of the Board

- Chairman of the Board - Mr. Ron DiGiovanni wished the Sports Organizations a good and Successful year!

Report of Sport Coordinators

- Baseball
 - Mr. Leiser UT Baseball Representative
 - Registration Information
 - UT Baseball has opened registrations online
 - They are having 2 in person sign ups at UT Community Center for people to talk to the board members directly about baseball
 - The vast majority of sign ups occur online
 - The UT Baseball organization is offering a \$25 discount registration to complete early during January
 - Registration closes at the end of February
 - Their expectation is that they will register 250 kids as in recent years
 - Financial Information
 - The most recent Financial Statement was emailed to Sports and Rec Secretary
 - Facilities
 - Outside batting cage updates going well
 - Plans to update the Flagpole area between the 4 fields
 - Chris George Junior Eagle Scout is working to improve dugout areas by painting and adding interior improvements.
 - Secretary Cole offered an idea that any other Eagle Scouts interested in working with the baseball program for the Flagpole area would be a great opportunity for a kid to assist the program as Chris George is doing
- Basketball
 - Mr. Fran Willett – UT Basketball Representative
 - In Season Status
 - Program is in full swing 7 days a week
 - Inaugural Beef and Beer Fundraiser are having this to help support the program to cover increasing fees
 - Mr. Digiovnni asked what do Refs charge. Mr Willett responded \$35 a game for Recreation and \$45 a game for travel. There are 5 games an hour for recreation basketball and Travel has games 8 games on Sunday that require referees.
 - There was a purchase of new travel uniforms for the kids that they will keep the uniform at the end of the season.
 - Financial Report
 - George Karriayannis to provide
 - Facilities
 - Lights at the community center are deteriorating and pretty dark. Ut Rec Secretary responded that Upper Township is working on a townshipwide LED conversion. The Community Center is the first of the facilities to get the conversion and is scheduled for upcoming weeks.

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- Complaints
 - There were some complaints from parents about parking, parent parked on the other side of Rt. 50 and let their kid walk across Rt 50 unaccompanied.
 - Travel game from another team, did damage to the UTMS bathrooms. The UTMS and the UT Basketball Assoc. are addressing the issue with the AC PAL team to resolve the issue. Mr. Dinardo suggested to bring it to the leagues attention
 - Mrs. Young Township Clerk mentioned that the organizations are to assign someone to go in periodically during the event to investigate the bathrooms for damage. Mr. Willett stated that there was no physical damage from outside the stall, and that the damage was only visible from inside the stall.
- Challenger
 - Mr. Daryl Ditroia UT Challenger Rep
 - Season Status
 - They have finished up floor hockey season a few weeks prior.
 - Their team earned the bronze medal in the state tournament.
 - They are finishing up the bowling season.
 - They are Preparing for a 2 week basketball season at the Middle Township High School
 - They are gearing up for the Special Olympic Track team that they will be practicing at the Middle Township High School Track Field.
 - The Dance program will be starting soon.
 - Baseball sign ups are occurring in about a month.
 - Board Transition
 - They are working on changing their board to some new people and will notify the UT Recreation Secretary once they are in place.
 - Financial
 - Financial Report to be provided from 2018, which will be from their tax returns as in years past. They will provide once their tax returns are completed
- Cheer
 - Absent from the meeting
- Football
 - Mr. Mark Pancoast
 - Board Member Status
 - Jim Burger was elected to the board (New Treasurer)
 - Deb MacDonald is leaving the board (Ret. Treasurer)
 - Fund Raiser
 - They are working on a fund raiser to engage kids in the community
 - Financial
 - There is \$10,000 in the account as it was in previous years at this point
 - There has been no equipment purchased yet for this season
 - Equipment
 - BSN/Schutt to perform reconditioning for 2019 and Mr. Pancoast agreed to use the same company as last year.

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- The Township pays for the reconditioning of the helmets in accordance with the helmet insurance requirements, but new helmet purchases are required from the UTFA
- League
 - The CAJFL is adding another organization from Brigantine
 - The League is potentially changing their uniform requirements which could lead to double sided jerseys or pineys. UTFA is investigating double sided jerseys
- 2019 Registration
 - Registration going from \$105 to \$160
- Press box renovations
 - UTFA worked with the Township to update the Pressbox with donations for time and materials
- Field Conditions
 - Trash at the facility was an issue, but new measures of issuing the people to clean up post games have been enacted
- Field Lighting
 - Field lighting has become an issue with over 15 units burned out. The issue was that with the large amount of rainfall they were not able to bring in the high lift truck without causing damages to the field to replace. The Township is investigating an improvement to the lighting with LEDS.
- Vandalism
 - Secretary Cole there has been vandalism to the facility and the only camera, which was from Andrews World was destroyed and is just a shell
 - Baseball is looking for the Township to provide Wifi for the facility to help with a security system that Baseball will provide the cameras for. They have investigated substantial money into the upgrades of the facility and are looking for the Township to assist with providing the WiFi needed to run the system.
- In-Line Hockey
 - Absent from the meeting
- Lacrosse
 - Mr Gunner Robert's – UT LAX Representative - New president
 - Registrations
 - Ended on 1/7
 - Little under 200 kids signed up
 - Clinics
 - Start on Sundays in Feb at the UT Community Center
 - Invested in no bounce balls for indoor practices
 - Season
 - Started a feeder program of 2nd graders to participate, but not play in games
 - Practice for the Boys will be Tues/Thurs and the Girls practice Mon/Thurs
 - Tournament
 - Paperwork has been submitted to the Rec Sec

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- Date May 18th Rain date May 19th
- Financials
 - Will provide
- Facility
 - Request for extra gravel to be added into the parking lots
- Soccer
 - Absent from the meeting
- Softball
 - Ms. Christie Hoffman – UT Softball Board
 - Registrations
 - Open with early bird discount of \$10 if ordered before March 1st
 - Online Registrations
 - Registration Cost - \$75 opening and goes up to \$100
 - Financials
 - Will provide
 - Clinics
 - Winter clinics possibly in the school, but there was an issue with the mats so they are not set up at this time
 - Facility
 - Can Softball raise the money to build a building
 - Yes they would need to meet up with the Township to discuss what their ideas are
- Wrestling
 - Absent from the meeting

Correspondence

- No Coorespondence

New Business

- No New Business to report

Unfinished Business

- First Aid Kits
 - AIL ORGANIZATIIONS ARE TO TURN THEM INTO THE Clerks Office for updates

Public Comment

- No Public comment

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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

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

- Adjournment: Thursday, January 24th 2019 - 7:42 PM
 - Offered 1st Mr. Joe Loteck 2nd Mr Robert Kimball
 - All sitting members voted in favor

