

**Parks and Recreation Board
Minutes from February 13, 2023**

Present: Debbie Marchesani, Kris Belser, Dori Bower Helene Ratner, Missy Kitzmiller, Bill Fuller, Dan Giacomelli, Joanne Morelli, Patrick Graham and Paul Kopera
Absent: None
Guests: Andrew Hart, Neshaminy Wildcats
Kevin McGerry, Langhorne AA
Chris Reed, Langhorne Neshaminy United Soccer Club
David Schaller, MAA
Jack Zupan, Bucks Senior Softball/Forever Young Senior Softball League
Mike Ivins, 215 Lacrosse
Cristopher Karl, Christian Fellowship Softball League
James O'Brien, Bucks Senior Softball

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Debbie Marchesani. A motion was made by Missy Kitzmiller and seconded by Debbie Marchesani to approve the minutes from the January 9th meeting; the motion was approved and passed by all.

Public Comment: This is our annual meeting with our sports clubs so public comment was from all our clubs. Chris Reed from Langhorne Neshaminy United Soccer Club opened the discussion. Chris said soccer Enrollment is trending upwards. Problems with irrigation - sprinkler heads are not popping up high enough. Also look into security cams. NUSC has set aside Money into their budget to improve the fields at Comm Park and update equipment. With the new elementary school being built on the MP Campus, there will be some issues. Bucks County insurance change will they require separate insurance policies and vehicle coverage? There will be field usage issues while the fields are being redone.

Andrew Hart from Neshaminy Wildcats spoke after Chris and reported that there are no problems. LED lights at the Pennel fields are working well for the players. Paul Kopera asked about the issues behind the dugout: fencing must be restored for safety.

Dave Schaller from MAA reported that opening day is 4/15 with a parade from Pearl Buck to TOP on that day. Doing fall baseball, soccer, and softball and street hockey in the fall. Less water in the parking lot at Twin Oaks because of the repaving in the Fall 2022 and underground drainage. New LEDs doing well.

Jack Zupan from Sr. Softball/Forever Young League has 4 teams that play on Monday and Friday mornings at the CP 3/4 fields. Drinking fountains are in the process of getting done: Paul was looking into water fountains before the pandemic. Fountains needs a high/low and a 48-

inch one turn around for ADA compliance. Last year, the Bucks league at 108 participate, this year so far, 110 and they are 65 years of age and up with 9 teams where last year they had 8 teams. They start at 9:00/9:30 am because of their heat policy. They are looking at having an All-Star game in the evening around the 4th of July. Paul Kopera thanked Jack for the \$1,000 donation to help some families afford the MT summer rec program. It was extremely thoughtful.

Kevin McGerry from LAA baseball/softball said they have 730 kids signed up; they have a girls travel team. Baseball has over 450 signed up including 7 travel teams. Their opening day is 4/1 with no parade planned. Kevin has some improvements to be made and will meet with Paul on site to discuss.

Mike Ivins from 215 Lacrosse has their season from March to June at Neshaminy High School and Chris Jones Park Tuesday and Thursday and Saturday morning with a 7th and 8th grade team and partnering with Lower Bucks Lacrosse.

Cris Karl from the Christian Fellowship Softball League uses Firefighters Park Fields 1 & 2 and Chris Jones. CFSL had some problems with fields because of storms because they need to take care of the fields by dragging the equipment to the fields. Cris mentioned that the County bills in quarters so it is very expensive to run a league on County fields.

Hulmeville Soccer Club was not in attendance. Bill Fuller updated the P&R Board on their spring season. Routine operation so far.

Before each club spoke, Paul had update the group on life in Middletown. There is construction on Maple Point Campus, the intersection of LY Rd & Woodbourne; and LY Rd and Bridgetown. Plus 600 units at the OV Mall, 870,000 sf of warehouse on the Reedman lot by their bridge over Rt 213.

Sports Block Party is Friday, May 5th. Middletown Community Park is closed to all clubs. This year, the Stand Up Neshaminy run will take place the following week on May 12. The Aril Garden cleanup is on April 15th, the trash and tree planting will take place on April 22nd, and Earth Day will take place at Core Creek Park on April 29th from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm. Volunteers are needed for both Earth Day and the Sports Block Party. It will e a very busy four weeks.

Summer rec discount period ended January 31. To date, twenty-four of last year's staff are returning. We are at capacity at the Barn but do have some space at the Senior Center. So far, have six adult kickball teams. Exercise classes are running at solid numbers. All January classes have been good. The water at the parks will be turned on around St. Patrick's day, while the portable toilets will arrive late March prior to the NSD spring break April 3-7. With the Neshaminy High School campus field construction, the NHS tennis team will utilize the courts at

Simmons Park.

Reminder: The March 13th meeting will be held at 3 Municipal Way on the second floor at 6:00 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm with a motion by Kris Belser and seconded by Debbie Marchesani.