

**Middletown Township Parks and Recreation Board
Minutes from February 8, 2021**

Present: Debbie Marchesani, Kristine Belser, Helene Ratner, Doris Bower, William Fuller, Dan Giacomelli, Missy Kitzmiller, Patrick Graham, and Paul Kopera.

Absent:

Guests: Jack Zupan (Senior Softball), Bill Thomas (MAA), Joe Judge (Langhorne Legion), Jonathan Lippy (LAA), Bill Fuller (Hulmeville Soccer), Tom McGrann (Neshaminy Wildcats), Andy Waskie (Langhorne Lightning Softball), Tom Razler (Lower Bucks Lacrosse), Kevin McGerry (LAA Baseball)

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm by Kris Belser. Introductions were made by the Parks and Rec Board to all the sports members. February is the sports club meeting.

Jack Zupan represents two senior softball leagues that play on Tuesdays and Thursdays; had only one board meeting so far; hope to start playing in May but covid will control lives.

Tom McGrann from Neshaminy Wildcats - lacrosse/softball will start late June/early July - there will be 2 two-month programs. Will be ready in April to run a normal season. No complaints. Opening day is **April 10th**; started doing registrations in January, have about 100 kids so far.

Tom Razler from Lower Bucks Lacrosse - start on **3/22** at Middletown Community Park; have other fields in Lower Makefield. In normal year, play travel, just playing in-house this year in Lower Bucks. Had 300 - 400 participants last year, expecting same number this year; in good shape.

Bill Thomas from MAA - soccer, hockey, basketball, baseball for summer and fall. **April 10th** is opening day. Will have spring soccer and baseball. Registration opened in January and so far, 130 are signed up; dependent on covid what final numbers will be like.

Jonathan Lippy from MAA- been involved 10-12 years with basketball, baseball, soccer, and softball travel teams. 3/20 to 3/27 soccer in-house. Opening day is **4/10**. Registration numbers are good, ahead of previous years. Would like to get the green light to extra chain link fence by Soccer 3 & 4 to prevent quad damage to field; LAA offered to pay for additional fencing CP 3-4 fields. Will have 4-5-year-old baseball/softball this year.

Joe Judge from Langhorne Legion - has three teams on MCC 90' field. Has issues with the fields - gates need to be repaired; the storage unit on the first base line, the door is off; on the third base line, it needs a new lock. Infield needs work. Talk about having the dugouts rebuilt by the tech school as it is on the list but with covid, not sure that this can be done as they don't have students now at the school. Look into the locksmith that the township currently uses.

Razler/Judge: have meeting regarding grass cutters and conversation about trash issues.

Bill Fuller from Hulmeville soccer - 20-30% shy of full registration numbers - right now, at 700. Start at **end of March**.

Christian Fellowship softball - 12-16 teams that will start **mid-April** and will play at Firefighters and Chris Jones park. Need to address bathroom access until St. Patrick's Day. Also, Neshaminy has spring break 3/29 to 4/2. Looking at the weather until then to see if it goes below 32 degrees.

Field requests - Patrick Graham has all the club requests; still sending invoices out and permits. All clubs noted that their covid plans will be the same in 2021 as submitted in 2020 to P&R Dept.

Covid update: Paul talked about the Johns Hopkins report on screen. Township is open 5 days a week but closed to the public - appt only; contractors have a dropbox and the front door is locked.

Capital Projects for 2021: Pedestrian crossing sign by the sidewalk by Laurel Oak and Walnut Way to the Community Park and Maple Point. Bid to replace the roof at the Barn March 10; lighting at the 90-foot field at MAA; lighting and resurfacing at Forsythia Park which will be a problem with the lighting since there is no direct power. P&R Dept. submitted grant to the DVRPC Regional Trails for a three quarter-mile trail along Snowball Drive for trail and wooded plantings (connecting Lions Park playground to Upper Orchard Playground.)

Planning to go to the Board of Supervisors Meeting soon to get approval for the LED light poles at Twin Oaks.

Teen Talent Show - recorded show will be on facebook; sponsorships to donate the prizes. 12 acts with 3 of them former winners. All the videos have been submitted. On 3/1 the winner will be at the BOS meeting and \$25.00 gift cards to restaurants will be presented.

Program Update: First session of Exercise Classes is ending late February; offering dog training classes; two online drawing classes, after school and Saturday class. On 3/29, spring break class for the week, archery class, intro to pickleball in April, golf lessons at Middletown Country Club for 6 weeks starting 4/10. Hoping for 250 kids for summer rec. Middle school program is back and plan to bring back entertainment and programs to camp as with covid, there will be no trips.

4th of July parade - some type of celebration will be held on Saturday, 7/3; VSEC lot is now rented to Amazon so we cannot use that as a staging area. New route will most likely be Hoover to Twin Oaks Park.

Shred Day is 4/17 at Oxford Valley Mall and electronic recycling the same day and time.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm with a motion by Debbie Marchesani and seconded by Dan Giacomelli. Next meeting is Monday, March 8th at 6:00 pm via zoom. The January minutes will be sent since we had the sports meeting tonight via email for everyone to read and approve.