

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes – March 27, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 6:06pm.

Open Public Meetings Notice This meeting has been advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

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Roll Call

Present: Michele Warren – Vice-Chair, Jennifer Pandorf, Megan Florio, John Ward, and Wayne Spangenberg (Liaison)

Absent: Mike Wilson, Ian Denzer-Weiler, Aaron Feldman, Jennifer Duncan

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by John Ward to accept the minutes from the February 27, 2023, which was seconded by Jennifer Pandorf. All in favor.

Reports:

- **Baseball** – Colonial Baseball has reached out to request the use of Free Union Field. They are offering to manage the fields in exchange for the use of the baseball fields and have assured us that they will not interfere with soccer practices or games. The LTRC has expressed their support and a certificate of insurance has been requested to move forward with Township approval.
- **Basketball** – Uniform and equipment collection is still ongoing. Majority of uniforms have been turned in and parents have turned in vouchers for uniform deposits to be refunded to them. Anyone who has not turned in a uniform will not be permitted to turn in a deposit voucher. A motion was made by John Ward to approve all uniform deposit vouchers subject to turning in their uniform, seconded by Megan Florio, all in favor.
- **Soccer** – Spring Soccer registration is still open, as player registrations are still trickling in. The first practice is scheduled for Monday, April 3rd. There were several registrations that required refund due to the players being Independence residents, and one withdrawal. A motion was made by John Ward to approve the vouchers for soccer refunds, seconded by Megan Florio, all in favor.

Shannon Schaaf, Soccer Commissioner was in attendance and made a proposal for Liberty and Independence to come up with a better solution for “sharing” registrations, as there does not appear to be room for two separate programs. Her proposal was to create a sub-committee between Liberty and Independence to field registrations and make determinations with regards to teams. Once established each player would be informed of which town they would be participating with and who they should submit their payments to. Another idea that was proposed by Megan Florio was to consider always keeping specific age groups/grades levels together in one town or the other. For example, all Pre-K through 3rd grade players from both towns would play in Liberty while 4th grade through 8th grade players would play in Independence. This would keep children together as they move through the program each year, learning and growing together year after

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year. Megan Florio's proposal was favored by those members in attendance, and the idea will be presented to the Township at their April 6th meeting.

- **Community Day** – There was a brief discussion regarding quotes, and it was agreed that all quotes would be brought to the April meeting to be voted on and submitted to the Township for approval at their May meeting.
- **Rosenkrans Award** – None
- **Beach** – Interviews will begin shortly.
- **Summer Recreation** – Registration has been opened and most people are utilizing Team Snap. Interviews will begin shortly.
- **Parks & Recreation Areas** - None
- **Adult Community Recreation** – None

Disciplinary and Policies: No activity or report.

Communications: None

Public Comment: Matt Hirsh attended the meeting to discuss his perspective on the division of Liberty and Independence players, and the effect this year's separation has had on his child and those players who expected to have him as a coach until the agreement with Independence to keep our programs separate was honored, and he was forced to come back and coach with Liberty and lose players in the process. He supports the idea of the sub-committee to assist with combining players while keeping financials separate for both townships.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:29PM was made by Megan Florio and seconded by John Ward.

Next Meeting: April 24th at 6:00PM