

Recreation Advisory Committee
 Minutes of the meeting held March 5, 2013

Present?

Berben	Yes	Quackenboss	excused
Byles	Yes	DeBaecke	yes
Dittmer	Term Ended 12/31/	Doherty	excused
Fletcher	yes		
Mannuccia	yes		
Morrow	yes		
Tartaglia	excused		

7:40 the meeting was called to order. The minutes of the prior meeting were accepted by a unanimous vote. Commissioners Reports:

Basketball report: the recognition ceremony all set for 3/19 7PM, Darren has emailed the coaches. He's looking into a supplier for reversible numbered jerseys ybashirts.com

Soccer: The goals are still in place; Mr. Matthews (DPW) has been out due to an injury for a while. North Hanover hired a DPW person to do some repairs to the side road; maybe he can help with the goal post. Baseball practice is about to begin, so they have to be out of the way. Twp approval is needed to permanently remove the square goal posts.

The old telephone poles lying along the road and hedgerow are full of insects and are in poor condition.

On the "old business" topic of the fields someone took a look at grading the field with Greg for a rough estimate per half acre: \$4,000 per field for machine time, seed at 5-6 cents per square foot, total about \$6,000 per field. It might also be possible to move the soccer fields down to the bottom, eliminated the baseball field or it could be moved up top the costs should be about the same.

The bleachers on the field next to the gravel road might be better placed together on the other side of the 3rd base line that would create an area near the field where we would not want people to park. To dissuade parking there, posts every few feet would be needed.

Baseball/Softball: 129 players, 50 regionalized and 79 North Hanover. Coaches are all set. 7 teams. We need a few players to move to balance out the teams; assessments will be held at the Mansfield indoor facility, for a \$40 fee, later this week.

John will be encouraging coaches to develop additional skill building for t-ball players and to introduce them to the next level of play.

Fields: Darren Dittmer has left the committee as a member but remains as an active volunteer. He reminded John we need pitching rubbers, new home plate, a couple of base anchors (+/- \$300 total), lime machine (\$160 for 2-wheel, \$230 for 4-wheel) and fence topper (\$1/ft x 600 feet).

Field Clean-Up is set for March 16, the windscreens are up. Talked about cattle pads to protect the backstops \$48 apiece.

John made a motion to spend \$2,500 on baseball equipment, uniforms and to ask for a quote for field grading. Second Joe, All ayes.

John made a motion to ask Daren Dittmer for a quote to repair the 2 pitching mounds, 2 home plates and to fix the humps on 3 fields. Second Greg, all ayes.

Discussion: suggest a change in the registration fee to keep it equitable. No subsidy to out of town people. Cost rationale for regionalization at lower and lower grade levels. Suggest to these potential players that they go direct to the league and eliminate our subsidy.

Sponsorship \$250 fundraiser recently deposited. Recent sponsorship renewals: Red Bell, Suzanne's, Villa Mannino, Stratton- Total \$2,200

No public was present, adjourned at 9:50

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Lu Mannuccia