

**West Deptford Recreation Advisory Board  
Monthly Meeting  
February 19, 2014  
West Deptford Township Building – Court Room**

Attended by Brandon Umba – West Deptford Township, John DiCarlo – Chairman/ Soccer, John Dunda – Member-at-Large, Kristin Sorrentino – Cheerleading, Steve Jakubowski – Member-at-Large, Bill Gore – Board of Education, Demian Lundfelt – Wrestling, Matt Carroll – Football, Tom Purvenas – Secretary/Scouts, Bill Keane – Lacrosse, Phil Cohen – Little League, Matt Moore – West Deptford Township, Amy Leso – WD Little Theatre/Family Fun Day/ Miss WD, Dan Finnochchi – American Legion, Jeff Hansen, Township Committee, Jean McCloskey – Seniors, Bob Matlosz – Member-at-Large.

**Meeting called to order by John DiCarlo – Chairman.**

**Approval of December 18, 2013 Meeting Minutes** – Motion by John Dunda, Seconded by John DiCarlo. So carried.

**Roll Call of members by Tom Purvenas - Secretary.**

**Presentation by West Deptford High School Athletic Trainer, Joseph Panchella entitled “Concussion Awareness & Management”**

**Administration of oath of office to Steve Jakubowski – Member-at-Large by Jeff Hansen, Township Committee**

**Meeting was opened to the organizations.**

**Chairman – John DiCarlo**

- Greg Ley was terminated by township since last meeting
- Considers the handling of the termination unprofessional
- Wanted to thank Greg for his 23 years of services to the township

**American Legion – Dan Finnochchi**

- No report

**Basketball – John DiCarlo for Mark Perry**

- Season running smooth
- Working on getting all coaches their background checks

### **Board of Education - Bill Gore**

- West Deptford High School Hall of Fame nominations are still open and candidates can be re-nominated

### **Cheerleading – Kristin Sorrentino**

- No report

### **Family Fun Day/ Miss WD/West Deptford Little Theatre – Amy Leso**

- No Report

### **Football – Matt Carroll**

- Season over
- Moving forward with honorary rock

### **Lacrosse – Bill Keane**

- Hoping to start season soon – weather has delayed start of season.
- 10 Teams
- LAX by River – 11<sup>th</sup> year getting ready

### **Little League – Phil Cohen**

- 238 players registered
- In person registration postponed due to weather. Scheduled for Friday/Saturday this week
- Field Renovations;
  - Field 15 Dugout additions
  - Announcer booth for field #9 to be elevated with shed underneath for parking the gator
  - Plans need to go to township per Brandon Umba
- Opening day - April 12<sup>th</sup> – delayed one week due to weather
- LL needs a new dumpster – bottom has rotted out of existing – for the fields – Brandon to look into replacement

### **Seniors – Jean McCloskey**

- Next meeting will mark 44<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of organization
- Security scan cards for Riverwinds room found
- WDHS Choir concert in Jan
- Working on purchase of T-shirts sponsored by WD Municipal Alliance

### **Scouts - Tom Purvenas**

- Middle of scouting season
- Should see 4-5 new Eagle Scouts this year
- Background checks submitted for new adult leaders

### **Soccer – John DiCarlo**

- Spring Registration is underway
  - March 2 – March 9<sup>th</sup> all day
- 2 Acts of Vandalism from Tournament
  - Football net at HS fixed – approx. \$500
  - Replace LL Gator ignition - \$20
- Question on list of coaches

### **Discussion with Brandon Umba – List of Coaches**

- **Police Chief to give list of coaches to Brandon**
- **Brandon to then share list with organization so lists can be checked for completeness**
- **ID cards for those who have completed Background Checks is included in the ordinance**
- **Brandon looking into next steps**
  - **Riverwinds has a card machine that could be used**
  - **Should there be a fee for the cards?**
  - **In other areas ID cards for coaches are worn on a lanyard**
  - **How should ID cards be enforced?**

### **Wrestling – Demian Lundfelt**

- Wrapped up season
- Eastern Tournaments for playoffs
- Considering plans for next year
- Considering Club Style program for offseason
- Considering camps
  - Brandon to check to see if either of these require additional permissions or insurance

### **Unfinished Business**

- None

## **New Business**

- **John DiCarlo – Chairman**
  - April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting to have Drug Awareness presentation by West Deptford Police. Organizations are encouraged to bring additional members to presentation.

## **Brandon Umba – West Deptford Township**

- Recent Reorganizational changes at township
- Consolidated Recreation Department/Public Works department and Riverwinds
- Matt Moore will be in charge of Recreation maintenance and park rangers
- Fred Cochrane is Supervisor
- Facility Use requests should go to Brandon's office with a plan to ultimately move it to Riverwinds
- Events for Township Event calendar should go to Brandon's office
- Responsibility for scheduling facilities may be moved to organizations to empower the organizations. Facilities will still need WD insurance coverage.
- Brandon is requesting that all calendar events be resubmitted
- Brandon is requesting that all organizations provide scheduled for field use
- There will be remediation of Riverwinds fields in spring that will include additional dirt due to sinking

## **Soccer**

- Propose that West Deptford Park be allocated to WD Soccer
- Fields are over used today due to multi-sport and multi-organization use
- The proposal will open up space at RiverWinds for field use by Lacrosse
- Planning on going to Township Committee with presentation
- Lighting is common as there is only one electric meter

## **Jeff Hansen – West Deptford Township Committee**

- Organization allotments are going to be reviewed
- Allotments have stayed the same for 20 years
- Asking organizations to be responsible and only ask for what they need
- Allotments totaled \$43k

## **March Meeting Agenda item from Brandon**

- Go over field assignments for the year
- Designated specific areas for each organization
- Hope to put plan in place before spring sports

### **Brandon Umba – West Deptford Township**

- Township reviewing shared services agreement with Board of Education

### **Bob Oldt Award Nominations – Dan Finnoch**

- Greg Ley was formally submitted
- Dan said he was also considering submitting Steve Jakubowski

### **Safety Town Status – John DiCarlo**

- Brandon confirmed it will continue

### **Brandon Umba – West Deptford Township**

- Summer Recreation should continue
  - 5 weeks verses 6 weeks
  - Amy Leso as possible director
- Summer Concert Series should continue
  - Bigger bands
  - Fewer dates
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### **Jeff Hansen – West Deptford Township Committee**

- Recreation Advisory Committee web page to be updated
- Several years old now

Motion was made by Phil Cohen to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dan Finnoch. So Carried.

Next Meeting – March 19<sup>th</sup> 7PM