

MINUTES OF LYA BOARD MEETING

March 15, 2015

Abraham Feters-White Schoolhouse

Attendance:

Board members present– *Executive*: Ambrogi, McSherry, Ryan, Spallone

Other: C. Allen, G. Allen, Byrnes, Gardner, Jefferis, Miller, O'Connor, Owsik, Pusey, Webb

Absent: Christy, Foster, Hewitt, Protesto

Others Present: Anne Gehret – LYA Executive Director

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. **Approval of Minutes** – Gehret presented the minutes of the January 2015 meeting. *Motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Allen and seconded by Webb. Approved unanimously.*

III. **Treasurer's Report** – Gehret sent out the current P&L but most board members had not seen it, so she will send out current financial reports for email approval.

IV. President's Report – Ryan:

West Pikeland Park Planning – Ryan reported that the original plan for the new West Pikeland Township Park near the intersections of Rts. 401 and 113 called for three multi-purpose fields. The plan has now been changed to two multi-purpose fields and one 50/70 baseball field, but West Pikeland does not have the funds to construct the 50/70 field. The cost is estimated at \$34,000 plus engineering costs. LYA could enter into a contract with West Pikeland to donate money to build the 50/70 field because we need another field that size for our programs. Pusey stated that a schematic of the new park is available online at the West Pikeland Township website. It shows that there are 3 options, with the one including the 50/70 field as the most likely one. Ryan stated that the engineer for this project is Al Giacomo, who also does work for Uwchlan Twp. Jefferis stated that West Pikeland currently has no funds available to start construction of the park.

DEHS Turf Fields – Ryan reported that DEHS has asked for bids for 2 turf fields to be built behind the school, down the hill from the track. The fields are to be ready for use by September, 2015. Uwchlan Township is cooperating with the DASD in this process and allowed construction equipment to be taken through a neighborhood close to the school. Ryan suggested that we find out how much other schools charge when they rent out their turf fields to non-school groups. McSherry stated that a chart is available online showing fees for Fellowship Fields in Upper Uwchlan, and that they charge different fees to different groups – township residents, non-profits, etc. Ryan stated that turf fields need to be resurfaced after about 12 years and that all fees received from outside groups should be set aside to pay for resurfacing, which usually costs about 30-40% of the initial construction cost. O'Connor asked whether there will be a stadium and bleachers with the turf fields and Ryan stated that there will be only bleachers.

V. Sports Administration Reports – McSherry went through the updates he received from each commissioner:

Intramural Soccer – no report.

Softball – registration is down about 25 players from last year, mostly in Tball, and stands at about 215. They plan to host the Mane Event Tournament again this year on Father's Day weekend and will handle all details or ask for help if needed. There are no plans to host any district tournaments this year.

Travel Soccer – no report.

Baseball – registration down about 50 from last year and now stands at 552. Had some parent complaints during registration and team selection (Majors). Still need volunteers for the younger leagues. No Big League this year, as only 4 registered.

Lacrosse – registration is closed, but some HS kids who were cut might be added. Boys' leagues are about the same as last year but registration for girls' leagues is up a little. Need to get on fields by 4/1 to get the season started, but fields are very wet right now. Painting of the practice wall on Hoffecker should be done in April.

Travel Softball – no report.

Basketball – Wrapping up the season with the final snow makeup games.

Field Hockey – no report.

Track and Field – registration should start on 4/1. The program will be held at DWHS again this year, because of turf field construction at DEHS.

Junior Hillcats – no report.

Camps/Clinics – registration for the LYA/360 Soccer Clinics is still open and another reminder will go out at the end of March.

VI. Administrative Report – Ambrogi

1. Cleanup Day at Lionville Park is scheduled for 3/21, but could be postponed until 3/28. Ambrogi will give info to Gehret to send out mass email to try to get better turnout for this event.
2. Earth Day – Webb talked with Karen Blanchard at the 6th Grade Center who said she wanted to continue this event, but she hasn't heard from her since then. Webb will try to contact Blanchard to set up a date and will get flowers for the kids to plant, and Ambrogi will get mulch for the kids to spread.
3. Lock changing project – Ambrogi is changing locks on the LYA House and the tractor shed. He got a list from each sport of people who need keys. Each key will be numbered by sport and person, so they can be easily accounted for.
4. New sheds – Ambrogi talked to contractors about new sheds at Fields E & B and he is waiting for bids. The press box should be able to accommodate two people, so should be about 3 X 5. The base will be crushed stone, it will have a 2 X 4 floor and be trimmed out in 1 X 4's like the one at E, and it will have a tin corrugated roof. The original plan was just for sheds at E & B, but Ambrogi also thinks there should be the same type of press box at Junior and Senior fields, for storage and announcing. Building four new sheds would be over the \$20,000 in the capital budget for this item. Ambrogi will get bids for 2 sheds and also for 4, which should be less per unit. The sheds will be built on site and existing sheds will remain where they are and continue to be used. Ambrogi wants to do the sheds in this order (if 4 are approved) – E, B, Jr, Sr.
5. Lower Garage – getting a new roof this week and skylights will be taken out. Golf cart and LYA Camps equipment will be stored there.
6. Ambrogi got large size "Saran Wrap" for Miller to use to wrap lacrosse goals for winter storage.
7. Old trophies – will be taken to Crown for re-purposing.

Gehret reported that there are some items that were at Dorothy Foster's house that need to be reclaimed from Mark Force, who has them now (keys, etc.). Ryan will contact him.

Ambrogi will also get the soccer goals removed from the Stockton/Rice field because it needs to be lined for lacrosse.

VII. Old Business

1. Budgets for FY 2015 – Still need to finalize and approve FY 2015 Capital Budget and American Legion budget.
2. 360 Soccer Clinics/Camps and LYA Summer Camps– Gehret reported that registration is open for the LYA/360 Soccer spring clinics and that registration for summer camps will start in the next few weeks. The longtime owners of LYA Summer Camps, Doug and Joan Kaiser, have sold the business and will be working with the new owners this year during the transition.
3. Concession Stand – Plans for how to run the stand this year need to be made now. Since Foster is no longer in the area, the plan to have her and Pat Cameron run it does not seem viable. Spallone and Gehret will check into alternative ways of running it, such as an outside vendor.

4. Picture Day/Opening Day – Gehret will get information from sport commissioners and set up schedule for Picture Day and coordinate with Robin at SNAP! Spring Picture Day is on 4/18 at LMS. Gehret is also planning the Opening Day Ceremony and will get the script out to those involved once all details are finalized. Discussed a way to involve Dorothy Foster or at least send her a video of the ceremony. Also discussed possibly renaming Lionville Park as the “Al & Dorothy Foster Complex at Lionville Park. Ambrogi will check with Uwchlan Twp about this.
5. Spring Sponsors – Gehret reported that she had secured over \$17,000 in team sponsor income for spring 2015.
6. New Board Members – still looking for a new board member to fill the open seat.

VIII. New Business

1. Sponsors for Travel Teams – Gehret stated that she has received requests from businesses to be sponsors for LYA travel teams. Discussion was held and board agreed that the minimum amount for a travel team sponsorship in any sport would be \$1000, which would get the sponsor’s name on a banner that would be displayed at all that team’s games.
2. VP Administration -
3. DEHS teams/LYA donations – the DEHS Baseball Booster Club asked for a donation from LYA. Many DEHS sports teams hold clinics for younger kids and do not ask for donations, but have the players do it to give back to the community. Pusey stated that the DEHS players help of their own free will so he doesn’t think a donation to their booster clubs is necessary.
4. Check request forms – Gehret asked that everyone use the form she sent out earlier this year when requesting a payment to a vendor or a reimbursement.
5. Requests from DASD schools for raffle items – Gehret stated that she periodically receives requests from DASD schools for items for raffles they are holding as fundraisers for various things. Ryan stated that LYA should not participate in these raffles and there was no further discussion.
6. Request from Coatesville LL for financial help – Owsik reported that Coatesville Little League had contacted him because they had been negatively impacted by tree damage from storms and also from embezzlement. He stated that other area Little Leagues had donated from \$500-\$1500 to help Coatesville get back on its feet and to be able to have a season this year. *Motion was made by McSherry and seconded by Pusey to securely donate \$2000 to Coatesville Little League to help with their field repair costs. Motion passed unanimously.*

- IX. Adjournment** - With no other business at 8:36 PM – *Ryan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by McSherry and unanimously approved.*