

MINUTES OF LYA BOARD MEETING

May 17, 2015

Abraham Feters-White Schoolhouse

Attendance:

Board members present– Executive: Ambrogi, Ryan

Other: C. Allen, G. Allen, Christy, Gardner, Hewitt, Protesto, Pusey, Webb

Absent: Byrnes, Foster, Jefferis, McSherry, Miller, O'Connor, Owsik, Ryan

Others Present: Anne Gehret – LYA Executive Director

I. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. **Treasurer's Report** – Gehret sent out the lists of checks paid for March, April and May to date. She presented the current fiscal year P&L, which showed total income of \$247K, total expenses \$234K, and net income of \$13K, compared to \$51K for the prior fiscal year. This was not mentioned at the meeting, but the \$38K difference is mainly made up of the following: \$15K less in Jr Hillcat registration income, \$13K of field maintenance expenses that relate to FY 2014 (invoices received late), and \$4K in one-time mold remediation expenses at the LYA House. *Motion was made by Webb and seconded by G. Allen to approve the financial report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*

IV. President's Report – Ryan:

DEHS Turf Fields – Ryan reported that construction has begun on the turf fields behind DEHS, as evidenced by the construction equipment that is now located there. G. Allen asked whether Zulu softball field will be affected by the construction since he saw flags on that field, but Ryan did not think that there were any plans to make changes to Zulu. The new DE turf fields could be used by any LYA sports when they are not being used by the school, which would basically be on weeknights after 5:30PM and on the weekends. Though the DEHS fields will not be lighted, as are the turf fields at DWHS, having turf fields at DE should make it easier for everyone who wants turf time to get it. Per Ryan, DEHS Principal Paul Hurley has said that the DASD Board approved the fields based on the assertion that LYA and other similar groups would rent the fields whenever the school was not using them. Rental of these fields needs to be coordinated and scheduled by someone, and Ryan will be stressing to DASD personnel that LYA would be the best group to handle scheduling. LYA would hope to reserve most, if not all, of the available time on the fields and then would schedule/rent the fields out to other groups whenever LYA teams did not need them. Ryan suggested that LYA should make a written proposal to the DASD concerning its desire to coordinate and schedule the DE turf fields

V. **Sports Administration Reports** – McSherry absent – no report.

VI. Administrative Report – Ambrogi

1. Issues with field use at the start of the spring season – Per Ambrogi, there were problems between him/Uwchlan Twp and the sport commissioners/coaches pertaining to when the fields became available for use this spring. Baseball was frustrated that other groups were using some of the fields, yet Uwchlan Twp told LYA that they could not use the outer fields on 4/1 even though they had been reserved as of that date by LYA. The township did not want the fields to be used as early this year because of the hard winter and related issues that had to be addressed before the fields should be used. He hopes to do a better job next year communicating about when the fields become open for use and why they are closed, and also asks that the commissioners/coaches respect his and the township's decisions about when the fields can be used.
2. Uwchlan Township Community Day – 7/11/15 – there can be no games in the park that day after noon.
3. Lacrosse Play Day – 5/31/15 – Hewitt will ask Miller to complete and return a Tournament Request form so Ambrogi/Gehret ensure that everything is ready that day in Lionville Park. Others holding tournaments this year (baseball/softball) should also submit the form. Gehret will send the form out to those holding tournaments.
4. Scoreboards – Foster scoreboard is now fixed, and when it was fixed Hoffecker also started working again. Field B scoreboard has problems with its controller. Ambrogi told G. Allen to contact the outside vendor he has used in the past to repair scoreboards (Rich ?).
5. Irrigation – the field irrigation system was turned on last Friday and the leak in the pipe on Hoffecker has been fixed.
6. Supplies – Ambrogi has ordered more drying agent and white chalk for baseball and softball. When Gehret receives the invoice for these items from Lawn & Golf Supply, she will contact Ambrogi to get detailed info on amounts to charge to each sport.
7. Asset security – Ambrogi reminded everyone to lock the cages and take care not to lose the locks, and also to make sure scoreboards are turned off after use. G. Allen asked that anyone who sees the Field B scoreboard left on, to go behind the Concession Stand and turn it off.
8. Trash – the trash cans in the park are only emptied once a week (on Mondays) and are usually overflowing by then. Ambrogi asked that everyone try to pick up trash on the ground and put it in trash cans that are not overflowing. Discussion was held regarding how to address this issue – either by getting trash picked up more often or having more cans available in the park. The school currently pays for the trash pickup in the park, and Ambrogi will check

into either getting more frequent pickups or more cans. Webb also reported that she is going to take the DE field hockey team to the park to pick up the trash that has blown around and accumulated along the back of Field J.

9. Plastic for top of fence at Field B – softball players attempted to put the green plastic material on top of the fence at Field B but were unable to due to its weight. Ambrogi will look into who can get this material up where it belongs.
10. New sheds – Ambrogi was told that sheds built off-site (by Amish contractors) will be cheaper than building the sheds on-site. He received a quote of \$6000 for 5 pre-made sheds that would be brought to the park and installed on crushed stone bases, which is OK with Uwchlan Twp. The 4 fields where sheds/press boxes are needed are: E, B, J, Sr.

VII. Old Business

1. Budgets for FY 2015 – Still need to finalize and approve FY 2015 Capital Budget and American Legion budget. Waiting for new American Legion manager to work with old manager to get budget prepared and submitted. Gehret needs to sit down with Ambrogi to finalize capital budget.
2. Concession Stand – Gehret stated that Owsik had set up an online signup process for volunteers, but not enough people are volunteering either to work in the stand or to be weekly managers. As a result, the stand has only been open sporadically when either Pat Cameron, Gehret, or Ambrogi was available to open and close it. Ambrogi feels that families depend on the stand to be open to grab some quick food for them and their families when they come to the park, in addition to the fact that the stand always generated at least \$7000 income annually. Hewitt suggested that maybe we have to make the Concession Stand Manager a paid position, and Ambrogi suggested that we could offer a free registration for someone who would take on the job. Others suggested getting an outside vendor to run the stand or letting DEHS students work in it to fulfill their graduation/community service project requirement. None of these options could be implemented this year. Gehret stated that two women had offered to be weekly managers, and she will follow up with them to see if they could open/close it during the remaining weeks of the season.
3. LYA Team Pictures – Spallone was absent, but Gehret stated that he wanted to suggest that LYA change from its current “Picture Day” plan (where the kids all come at once to the photographers in the LMS Gym) to the way GEYA does its pictures, which is to have the photographers meet the teams at the fields for their pictures. Spallone will present more info on this issue at the next meeting.
4. Picture Day/Opening Day – Gehret stated that someone else needs to handle these items in the future. She feels that since Opening Day is a baseball/softball event, that planning for the ceremony should be handled by the baseball committee. Discussion indicated that the LYA board agreed.
5. Open Board Seat – Ryan stated that open seats would be addressed at the next election in November.

VIII. New Business

1. New West Pikeland Park – Christy handed out a sketch of the final approved plan for the planned West Pikeland Twp park at Rts. 113 & 401. He stated that the baseball field could be used for baseball or softball and could be converted to 50/70 or other. There will be no turf fields or lights in the park. LYA would be interested in using any of the fields in this park. Surveying for the new park might start later this year, but WP township personnel have stated that it may be 10 years until the park is completed.
2. Scoreboard at Field B – see above under “Administration - #4.
3. Camps/clinics run by outside groups – Ryan stated that LYA has a policy regarding use of its email list and also has an approved model (LYA/360 Soccer Clinic partnership) for how LYA will work with outside companies who want to run clinics for LYA players. Gehret stated that Owsik had sent out an email advertising a baseball program to be run this summer at All-Star Baseball Academy that did not follow the approved model and explained that anyone with the ability to send emails through the LYA database should only be sending out items related to LYA sports, such as game information, cancellations, etc. Ryan will send out information to ensure that all LYA board members and sports commissioners understand the rules for use of the LYA email database. Webb asked about whether it was OK to send out information to players informing them of training opportunities available through outside groups after LYA’s season ends. Discussion ensued and the board consensus was that information on outside training/travel team opportunities should be communicated to individual players and not in an email to the whole group.
4. DEHS Varsity Field Maintenance/Upgrade – Spallone absent.
5. Uwchlan Township Community Day – Ambrogi, who is also co-chair of the Uwchlan Twp Community Day Committee, requested that LYA become a paid sponsor for UT Community Day this year. He passed around a paper showing the different levels of sponsorship available. Gehret stated that Uwchlan Twp donates \$1000 to LYA every year on Opening Day. After some discussion, *Webb made a motion that LYA become a Silver Sponsor for Uwchlan Township Community Day this year with a donation of \$1000. Motion was seconded by Hewitt and passed unanimously except for Ambrogi who abstained.* Gehret will send out the check next week.

Ryan also volunteered to run the LYA Golf Game/Information Table at this year’s UT Community Day, assisted by Gehret.

- IX. Adjournment** - With no other business at 9:05 PM – *Hewitt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Gardner and unanimously approved.*