**Athletics Committee Minutes**

September 5, 2023

Attendance:  Dave Neu, Daryl Macellaro, Danielle Maute, Erin Macellaro, Hannah Luketina, Liz Blender, Andrew DeVita, Brad Ellis, Glen Katz, Pat Degnan, Mike Ilardi, Steve Koenigsberg, Michelle Cromwell.

Meeting start: 7:35pm

Meeting end: 8:09pm

Updates:

1. Swim: Michelle Cromwell will be taking over the swim program moving forward. Committee thanked Danielle Maute and Erin Macellaro for their years of service.

  - came in 3rd place overall this year at Hub Lakes Championship. Over 100 kids in program. It was great with 3 coaches this year. Thank you to our coaches; Olivia Maute, Alex Flynn & Zoey Biddelman.

  - we host Hub Lakes Championship in 2024

2. Men’s Softball: Finished season in 5th place. Dave Neu will be softball league commissioner beginning next season.

3. Women’s Softball: Lost in the semi-finals. Had a great run of 5 straight championships prior.

4. Golf Outing discussion: Andrew DeVita brought up an idea in the August meeting.

  - spoke to Berkshire Valley, Farmstead, and Flanders. Prices ranges $70 (Farmstead) - $95 (Berkshire Valley) per person for an outing. Food costs extra. Maybe do dinner back at WML clubhouse.

  - courses are more flexible on Mondays and Fridays.

  - Glen is a member at Picatinny and can help make connection for info.

  - would be self-funded by golfers. possible idea of doing this as a fundraiser.

  - fundraiser ideas:  Heartfelt Harmonies for purchase of AED.

  - courses look for 52 persons minimum and 10% deposit once date is set.

5. Cornhole tournament: Glen said some people have approached him about the idea. Could be done as a fundraiser.

6. Sunken gardens:  “Sean’s” father-in-law can make shuffleboard courts there for cost.

7. Glen said someone else mentioned the idea of running a WML intramural volleyball league.

8. Asphalt courts: When courts are resealed and re-lined, discussed idea of moving around volleyball and basketball courts at A-Field. Idea of having adjustable, but locking, basketball nets for smaller kids.

9. Tennis update. Received a few quotes.

  - Favorite so far. Darryl, Mike, and Pat met Bob, who did courts at Peterson Field. He recommended building on top of existing structure. Adding crushed rock and asphalt on top. Recommended a seal on multi-surface area for smoother finish and less likely to crack over time. Would tilt the courts for better drainage and add drainage around the courts. His company does everything (court, painting, fence, drainage). His quote came within the suggested budget number up for community vote. Bob recommended making a few soft cracks along strategic parts of court to prevent major cracking.

Submitted by: Daryl Macellaro-Co-Chair

Approved by: Glen Katz-OIC