



FTAA Meeting Minutes March 21, 2011

Meeting called to order by President-Dan Martyak

Present: Dan Martyak, Ty Corallo, John Wieller, Melody Talpas, Matthew Baker, Jen Castellano, Scott Hardy, Tara Heckel, Ron Houghton, Wendy Jamison, Michael Johnson, Kevin Hoyda, Brian Maffia, Don Miers, Don Miller, Tom Oligino, Chris Rex, Tracy Ruschman, Butch Scerbo, Nick Schlagenhaft, Ed Stem, Sue Stem, Fran Tone, Kevin Wall, Carter Wilson, Kelli Wilson, Colleen Ziegenhorn,

**Motion to approve minutes-Butch Scerbo -Second by Kevin Wall
All in favor-All Opposed-None Status- Approved**

President's Report-Dan Martyak

1. Board of Supervisors Meeting
 - a. Dan Martyak signed and approved the five acres contract.
 - b. The Board of Supervisors approved the advertisement of Recreation Board position.
2. Recreation Sub Committee
 - a. Dan Martyak requested security equipment at the basketball court, both and snack bars. Chief Dorney gave Rick Schnaedter at figure of approximately \$4000.00 for twelve cameras. Rick is going to ask for a formal cost. The FTAA has offered to pay for half of the cost. The Township will install and the videos will be monitored at the Community Center.

Action: Nick Schlagenhaft will research prices for security equipment and email information to Melody Talpas

3. Emails
 - a. Rachel Sulzbach Melody Talpas to send the Phillies Metz flyers to the FTAA.

Action: Melody Talpas please send Phillies Mets Flyer to FTAA.

4. Trash Pick up
 - a. Two kids did volunteer time picking up trash around the park. They picked up two cans full of trash.
 - b. If anyone asks about volunteer time they can pick up trash on April 16, 2011 Clean Up Pa Day. Volunteers will meet at the Community Center from 930a-12:00n to go through Community Center Park and pick up trash.

Vice President's Report-Ty Corallo

1. Online Sign Ups
 - a. Online Sign Ups are closed.
 - b. Jen Castellano will be helping Ty Corallo with the Online System.

Action: Ty Corallo will propose to Jim Farley about purchasing a lap top and router for the Community Center for sign ups.

Treasurer's Report –John Wieller

1. General Account-\$42,037.07
2. Sports Accounts-\$32,060.38
3. Actual General Account-\$9,976.69
4. Scholarships-
 - a. Paid five from this year.
 - b. One scholarship is asking for an extension.
 - c. One scholarship was paid from last year because the student was sick.
5. Extermenex is paid for one year contract \$300.00 which is good through February 2012.
6. Baseball, Lacrosse, and Softball received their \$1500.00 sport budget monies.
7. The IRS sent the FTAA the determination letter. The FTAA can now send in our State Tax return and receive our Tax Exemption Certificate.

Secretary's Report-Melody Talpas

1. Correspondence-none

Old Business-None

New Business

1. The FTAA would like Security Cameras at the basketball court, and both snack bars.

Action: Melody Talpas please email Ed Adamko the following to be posted on the website. Spring Soccer is not a Forks Township Athletic Association Sport. The Forks Township Athletic Association is affiliated with Fall Soccer.

Public Comment-None

Sports Reports

Baseball-Simon Sikora & Ron Houghton

1. There was a baseball injury. A boy was hit in the face with a fly ball. The boy had a seizure and was flown to St. Luke's Hospital. He was kept overnight and released the next day. The boy is doing fine. He will be able to play in two weeks from.
2. Meetings, evaluations, drafts and assignments for all teams from t-ball thru 11/12 are completed.
3. Equipment bags have been packed and equipment hand outs are this week for all levels.
4. Teams will begin practices this week.
5. Baseball Coordinators have been chosen to help with coordinating, scheduling and validating time completed. They are currently working on some baseball sportswear and will be assisting in the Forks Tournament(s). Jen Castellano, Wendy Jamison and Sue Koch are great assets to the program and will help make it better for everyone involved.
6. Simon conducted an umpire clinic last week and will manage umpires for all divisions.
7. Field cleanup scheduled for Saturday, April 9.
8. Opening day is Saturday April 16th.
9. Ron Houghton would like to thank The Little League Baseball Academy of Phillipsburg (Mike Stergio & Ed Olson) for allowing us the use of their facility for indoor 9year old evaluations.
10. Simon had an umpire clinic and will manage the umpires.

Ron Houghton made a request to the Officers in regards to a Sportswear Fundraiser.

The Officers vote-Dan Martyak-Yes, Ty Corallo-Yes, John Wieller-Yes, Melody Talpas-Yes-Status-Approved.

Basketball-Don Miller

1. Forks Basketball teams did well overall.
2. Ten teams made the playoffs.
3. The finals are next Sunday.
4. Don Miller will talk to Scott Abert and set a date for uniform returns.
5. Don Miller, Scott Abert, and Dan Martyak will set up a date to meet and discuss the length of the basketball season. Don Miller suggested that the meeting be soon because the CBL meeting will be held soon.
6. Dan Martyak stated that next Month nominations are due for Basketball and Wrestling.

Cheerleading-Melody Talpas

1. Cheerleading sign ups are closed.
2. There are 101 girls signed up for cheerleading. Melody Talpas will not have an exact number until Easton High School has tryouts in May.
 - a. 22-Flag
 - b. 19-Jr. Pee Wee
 - c. 23-Pee Wee
 - d. 38- Midgets
3. Melody Talpas is in the process of selecting coaches.

Field Hockey-Melissa Walsh

1. No Report

Football-Fran Tone

1. League had their first Meeting.
2. There are ten teams in the league.
3. The season begins August 28, 2011.

Fran Tone asked Officers for approval of the Football 2011 Fundraiser- Golf Tournament. The Officers vote-Dan Martyak-Yes, Ty Corallo-yes, John Wieller-Yes, Melody Talpas-Yes Status-Approved

4. Fran Tone would like to make a major purchase....a seven man chute for line practice. The approximate cost is \$2000.00.
5. A Lafayette trainer will conduct a clinic on concussions.
6. The helmets are reconditioned every two years. If the township chooses to replace every year they are looking at a cost of \$150.00/helmet for a good one. The older levels would receive the new helmets first due to harder contact.

Lacrosse-Scott Hardy

1. Signups are closed.
2. Scott Hardy stated that lacrosse starting practicing at the Meco Field few weeks ago.
3. U-9 has two teams.
4. The girl's lacrosse team has a level of first and second graders.

Action: Scott Hardy will speak to Mark Roberts in regards to the field conditions.

Soccer-Gregor Wright & Brett Morrow

1. No Report

Softball-Ty Corallo

1. Draft for the Minor and Majors took place on Sunday.
2. The coaches were selected.
3. T-ball through Major equipment was handed out.
4. Ty purchase equipment through A&H.
5. Forks will be fielding two A teams.
6. Seven Forks girls made Middle School softball and 7 Forks girls made JV softball.
7. Locations for the batting cages will be in an L shape. One cage will be located where the old softball cage was and the second will be on the tree lined side.
8. The Township will take care of the crushed gravel for the cages.
9. Ty Corallo split the shed ½ baseball/softball and the other half Football.

Wrestling-Don Miers

1. Wrestling season is over.
2. Uniform hand in.
3. This Friday is the Rumble at the River.
 - a. Ten out of seventeen wrestlers will represent Forks Township.
 - b. Don Miers is considering purchasing a banner for the wrestling room with wrestling funds.

Committee Reports

Background Checks-John Wieller

1. Commissioners must send list of coaches to John Wieller.

Community Days-Colleen Ziegenhorn and Tom Oligino

1. Community Days is scheduled for September 17and 18th.
2. The Township would like a home football game scheduled.
3. There is a Forks Community Days web page.
4. The Township is considering selling beer on Saturday only.
5. They would like to have a family fun night. (Wrist bands for rides 5-8p)
6. Tom Oligino would like to make a proposal to have bouncy items and get sponsors to pay for them and the FTAA would receive the profits. Volunteers would be needed. Tom Oligino would have to check with the Township.
7. The next meeting will be held on April 4 at the Community Center.
8. Dan Martyak made a suggestion to play music with the fireworks.

9. Colleen Ziegenhorn stated that the Township will probably ask the FTAA to pay for half of the fireworks.

Dances-Kevin Wall

1. There has been a slow decline in the dance numbers.

2. Six arrested outside of the Community Center. Rachel Sulzbach, Rick Schnaedter, Chief Dorney, Kevin Wall, John Wieller, and Melody Talpas met to discuss the dances.
3. All in attendance stated no School ID no dance. In 201 the FTAA has lost \$740.45.
4. Consider having one in the fall for Cheerleading, Field Hockey, Football, and Soccer.

Fran Tone made a motion to cancel the April and May dance and regroup. 2ndJen Castellano- In Favor- All, Oppose-None-Status-Approved.

Action: Melody Talpas please email Ed Adamko and have him post Dances are canceled until further notice.

First Aid-Dan Martyak

1. Dan Martyak stated that the First Aid kits are stocked.

Guidelines-

1. No report

Recreation Board-Butch Scerbo

1. The Recreation Board approved non residents.
2. The Recreation Board notified the FTAA that all fields are closed until the Township opens them. Mark Roberts has the final decision on the fields. If a team is caught on a field, the Coach will be held liable.
3. Commissioners must advise non residence to seek Recreation Board approval before practice begins.
4. Football Helmets were discussed.
5. Butch Scerbo requested a copy of all non residents.

Scholarship-Colleen Ziegenhorn

1. Colleen Ziegenhorn stated that the last day for scholarship applications was March 20, 2011.
2. Colleen Ziegenhorn and the Scholarship Committee will meet April 11 at 730p.

Snack Bar-Simon Sikora

1. No Report

Action: Baseball and softball please send season schedule to Simon Sikora.

Action: Melody Talpas was asked by Kelli Wilson to remove her name off the website as Snack Bar Chairperson.

Sportswear-Melissa Walsh and Dana Guffy

1. No Report

Web Site-Ed Adamko

1. Updated

Colleen Ziegenhorn made a motion to close the meeting-2nd Ed Stem-In Favor-All-Opposed-None-Status-Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Melody Talpas,
 Forks Township Athletic Association Secretary

