



## ATHLETIC ADVISORY BOARD

### MINUTES

25 October 2021

At 7:30 PM Athletic Advisory President James Oyler called the meeting to order. The meeting was conducted virtually using Zoom.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

#### Roll Call:

Present: Jim Oyler (NHAA); David Freudenrich (At Large); Ed Vesely (WVRAA); Edward Spontak (NHSC); Dennis Englert (At Large), Brianne Mazzoleni (WVRAA, Paul McComb (NHAA), Rob Schweizer (NHSC), and Adam Smith (At Large).

Absent: David Freudenrich (At Large).

Non-Members: Eloise Peet, Adam Ravenstahl, and Darleen Didonato.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ed Vesely presented the minutes from the September 25, 2021, AAB meeting. Eloise Peet requested one correction regarding Item 2 of new business, as the plans for Bruno Sammartino Park are not being finalized, instead the Master Plan is being updated. Edward Spontak made a motion to accept the minutes as amended based on Mrs. Peet comments and Adam Smith seconded that motion. The vote from the floor was unanimous.

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. The events for Ross Township Community Day, which was conducted on Saturday, October 9, 2021, were discussed. Eloise estimated 125 citizens participated. The bands were a great success. Several members of the AAB volunteered to man the booth during the day. NHAA, NHSC and WVRAA gave away two Spring registrations each through a lottery system of those who attended and participated by visiting the AAB booth. Eloise noted in 2022, she plans to reorganize the location of booths and events to add to the foot-traffic during the event to the booths.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Jim Oyler stated that the AAB has requested to Ross Township a \$500 budget for 2022.
2. Jim Oyler suggested that the AAB members provide him with suggestions on how the AAB could fit into the Community better next year and beyond.

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#### MEMBERS:

**Chair: James Oyler, NHAA**

**Vice Chair: David Freudenrich,  
At Large**

**Secretary: Edward Vesely,  
WVRAA**

**Treasurer: Edward Spontak, NHSC**

**Dennis Englert, At Large**

**Brianne Mazzoleni, WVRAA**

**Paul McComb, NHAA**

**Rob Schweizer, NHSC**

**Adam Smith, At Large**

3. The next Board of Commissioner's meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 3, 2021. Jim Oyler and Denny Englert plan to attend to represent the AAB and field any questions including those in the AABS' Annual Report (2021) and Annual Plan (2022).
4. The AAB prepared a schedule for completing the remaining field evaluations. During this planning, Mr. Vesely asked the AAB consider adding an evaluation item of providing baseball/softball fields with a warning track. After discussion that no fields have warning tracks, it was decided 1) add that in the comments of the field evaluation summaries and 2) revise the evaluation form in 2022 to include that item. Discussion ensued about the schedule of AAB activities for November and a summary is presented below.
  - November 8, 2021, the lead AAB member for each field should prepare the "Field Evaluation Summary" spreadsheet and "Recommendations of Township Fields for Spring 2022".
  - November 15, 2021, AAB members should provide comments on the "Field Evaluation Summary" spreadsheet and "Recommendations of Township Fields for Spring 2022" to the lead AAB member for each field.
  - November 22, 2021, based on feedback by AAB members, the lead for each field should update "Field Evaluation Summary" spreadsheet and "Recommendations of Township Fields for Spring 2022".
5. Eloise Peet requested as the AAB is completing its evaluation if they could provide a list to her of maintenance items that could be completed during the late fall or winter, by Ross Township Department of Public Works.
6. Eloise Peet said that Ross Township is conducting a Toy Drive on Saturday, November 20, 2021, at time TBA. She asked the AAB members reach out to their athletic associations and ask for volunteers to assist in the Toy Drive.

#### CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DAY/TIME

As discussion ensued about whether the next meeting and future meetings should be held in-person or virtually. Denny Englert was in favor of in-person meetings. The rest of the AAB members on the call were of the opinion to wait and see the status on the pandemic before reaching agreement to hold in person meetings. Jim Oyler concluded in advance of the next meeting to poll the AAB members to get their insight on whether the meeting should be held in-person or virtually. The next meeting of the AAB is scheduled for Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at 7:30 pm.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

*At this time, citizens may address the Athletic Board on any issue. Speakers will be permitted to speak for a maximum of 5 minutes. Groups of people will be required to designate a spokesperson to*

*represent them before the Board who may speak for a maximum of 10 minutes. Speakers are asked to clearly state their name and address for the record and keep comments brief and to the point.*

Darleen Didonato asked if there were plans to construct a road from Ross Township to Windhurst Park. At this point of the meeting Eloise Peet had left the meeting. Ed Vesely tried to address the question as best as possible. He answered, "No, not at this time." However, there has been discussions of providing a second access to Windhurst Park from beginning at locations other than Buehner Drive.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.