

March 29, 2023, RAC Meeting Minutes-FINAL

Attendees: Dave Carver, Zach Ellis, Megan Garrity, Tony Geros, Dutch Holland, Chris Lutz, Bob Macagnano, Sue Whitehorn

Guests: David Drechsel, Ryan Scheifler

Regrets: Stephanie Berke, Nino Coviello, David Irwin, Tom Packie

1] 2023 RAC Membership

The RAC "at-large" and Open Space representative has been named- Mitchell Horn. He has been invited to our next meeting.

2] Review/Approve December and January DRAFT Meeting minutes

[still a work in progress].

3) Youth Sports Update

Ryan Scheifler, the new Assistant Principal-Athletics @ Madison High School introduced himself, Ryan was in Administration in Hackettstown Schools. He was the assistant varsity baseball coach for 20 years, and an assistant football coach for eight. Ryan and his wife Lindsay are raising four kids –12-year-old twin boys, a 9-year-old boy and a 6-year-old girl – in Morris Township. He is very familiar with how youth sports programs make an impact on a community and looks forward to working with our programs.

Little League Baseball: We have 521 players playing across six divisions this Spring. Teeball games start on April 1 and the rest of the divisions begin their games on April 3. Opening Day Parade and Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, April 15 with food trucks and two Juniors division games that afternoon at Dodge Field. MLL is excited to host Opening Day for the Morris County Challenger League on Sunday, April 16 at the Rosedale fields. We will have volunteers from MLL as well as the MHS baseball and softball teams helping throughout the afternoon to make it a fun afternoon for all the players and their families.

Softball: 342 players on 27 teams this season. Our 56 and 78 teams competing vs Chatham, Summit and new this year, EHFP has joined the league. A total of 26 teams were in that competition. Just released all our schedules with 275 games to be played between 4/10 and 6/10. Sat AM sees MRC2 busy 9-10:30 am with 40 K and another 44 [2 games] of grade 12 players followed by another 66 [3 games] grade 12 from 10:30-noon. Coordinating Sat night usage with soccer and will do same on rainy days throughout the spring. `110 volunteer coaches finishing up background checks and NAYS training. Travel ball tryouts late April for our summer/fall travel teams. Coach Jessica's summer sb camp almost 'sold out' with 54 of 60 spots full.

Football: in offseason. Reviewed league details for AD. The group reviewed the Madison football Vito Memorial Proposal. RAC provided its support as the organization decides on next steps.

Basketball, Soccer, Lacrosse, Ice Hockey, Wrestling reviewed program details for AD.

Open space project update. No updates

4) Council and BOE Updates

None

5] Project update

Pickle ball and BB complex update. Awaiting the next steps.

MRC Turf Field Replacement- status of reserve \$\$590K and growing- 2024 replacement planning to begin in the fall.

DODGE PLAYGROUND UPDATE

6] 2023 meeting schedule

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Wed	5/31/2023	7:00 PM
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Wed	8/30/2023	7:00 PM
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Wed	10/25/2023	7:00 PM
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Wed	12/6/2023	7:00 PM
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