

MLGS Board Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Laurel House

Attendees: Alan S., David C., Bob F., Chris M., Mike S., Gregg W., John L., John C., Joe F., Austin C., Ian T., Lauren M.

Meeting Notes:

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

1. Financial Update

- Gregg received a sponsorship check for \$1,000 that will be deposited tomorrow.
- Funds received since the last meeting were approximately \$21,150.

2. Donations Update

- John L. received \$1,000 in donations since the last meeting.

3. Mt. Laurel Township

- Austin shared that the Township's RFP for the new restrooms at Spencer is out to bid until 9/5.
 - Once a contractor is selected and the prefab structure arrives (pending Council approval), hookups and trenching will begin.
 - The goal is to have four new restrooms up and running by the end of 2024.
 - Austin will inquire as to whether any access to Spencer will be interrupted during construction.
- David shared that items on the MLGS improvements "wish list" were ranked in order of priority by 12 of 14 board members.
 - David will assign items on the list to board members to investigate potential pricing, though, quotes have already been obtained for a number of items on the list.
 - Bob requested that a sprinkler upgrade/replacement be added to the list, and the board members agreed this should be a high priority. Mike will get a quote for this.
 - When identifying projects to tackle, the order of completion must be taken into consideration (i.e., what is logical to do in what order).
- Austin shared that the Township expects to paint the dugouts at Spencer during Q4. MLGS can provide input of the paint color selection, if desired.

4. Fields/Facility/Equipment

- Mike has identified someone who can make siding repairs to the new gator shed and will oversee this.
- Mike recommends that the board consider having the Spencer fields aerated, reseeded, and fertilized in September instead of November. Mike will obtain a quote for these services and share it with the board.
- Enough amendment and line chalk to last through September were recently delivered to Spencer. Mike will order additional line chalk before October. Mike

requested that Storm coaches let the board know when line chalk and/or amendment are beginning to run low.

- The home plate on Spencer A should be replaced before the start of the spring season.
- David requested that the bullpens at Spencer be sprayed for weeds when the outfields are next sprayed.
- New batting cage netting will be ordered in November and stored in the equipment room until the fields are opened in the spring. The old netting will remain up until the fields are opened. In the meantime, the board will identify a better configuration for the batting cages.
- The Spencer fields will be closed for the season on November 16. Board members should make every effort to attend.
- Mike will obtain a quote to have the field edges cut and clay skin laid down in the infields.
- The backstops and screens on Spencer Fields B and D should be removed, as they are in rough shape. The rubber pads on all the fields should also be removed, but they can likely be repurposed in the batting cages in the spring.
- Joe requested that the field liners, batter's box templates, and rakes at Spencer and all satellite fields be inventoried and an order placed for whatever is needed. Mike recommended ordering from A.D. Starr.
- Mike will ask the Township to turn over the fields at Hartford, Larchmont, and Turnpike in early September.
- The Spencer equipment room will need to be inventoried and organized in the near future.

5. Rec Program

- We will launch Rec registration in early December.
 - Registration should be updated to include signoffs for a photo release and the Code of Conduct.

6. Storm Travel Teams

- Background checks for Storm head and assistant coaches still need to be completed. This will be done using Checkr.
- Storm will field nine travel teams this coming year. The teams at the younger levels saw a great turnout for tryouts.
- Bob discussed establishing coaching standards for Storm coaches to follow to set players up for growth and success. This could be done with practice plans, player clinics that Storm coaches are expected to attend, etc.
- Bob stressed the need for consistency among evaluators/evaluations during the Storm tryout process.

7. Website

- The board discussed moving to TeamSnap's platform for MLGS' website and registration process. David will investigate this.

8. New Business

- Lauren is updating the Policies document on the MLGS website and asked about a residency requirement for Rec players. Various members of the board responded that MLGS does not have a residency requirement.

- Lauren asked if MLGS should participate in Mt. Laurel's Food Truck Festival on September 29 from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. The board agreed this would be time well spent. Lauren offered to take the lead.
- Alan asked about purchasing software to create graphics for the MLGS website and social media accounts. Bob approved this purchase.
- Austin shared that the Township's newsletter now allows for sports organizations to advertise their registrations. MLGS must submit an ad by early December in order to be included in the winter newsletter. Austin will get the ad specs from Township and share with Alan.
- Joe shared that MLGS has moved to Showcase Sports for uniforms and fan apparel. We can set up a Rec fan apparel store, if appropriate. Various members of the board agreed this was a good idea. Chris offered to contact someone about updating the MLGS logo.

9. Upcoming Board Meetings

- Future meetings of the MLGS board will take place on the following dates: 10/7/2024, 12/2/2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.