



**Athletic Committee**

**Monday, May 15, 2017**

**6:00 PM**

**Conference Room 11130**

**316 N. Academy Street, Cary Town Hall, Cary, NC  
27513**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Adoption of Agenda**
- 3. Adoption of Minutes**
  - 3.1 Athletic Committee - Committee Meeting - Jan 23, 2017 6:00 PM**
- 4. Public Speaks Out**
- 5. Reports**
  - 5.1 PRCR Advisory Board Update**
  - 5.2 Teen Council Report**
  - 5.3 Sports Staff Report**
- 6. New Business**
  - 6.1 Athletics Committee Mission and Goals**
    - Provide support to Town of Cary sports staff in the administration of sports programming
    - Serve as a resource for Town of Cary sports staff; offering input and perspective on policies, rules, and issues related to sports programming and administration
    - Support and assist the Town of Cary sports staff in their ongoing efforts to fulfill and achieve the town's stated mission to deliver *exemplary service*; helping to guide, foster and advance a "*customer-centric*" service orientation by proactively offering suggestions for improvement and staff consideration
    - Serve as a "voice" for coaches, parents and participants; offer constructive feedback and suggestions to enhance Town of Cary sports programming and administration
  - 6.2 Additional Ideas for Refining the Missions and Goals of the Athletics Committee**
    - How can the Athletics Committee best serve and advance the interests of "customers" (coaches, parents and participants) and the needs of Town of Cary sports staff?
- 7. Updates and Discussions**
  - 7.1 Winter Basketball Re-cap**
  - 7.2 Spring Baseball/Softball Update**
- 8. Upcoming Events**

## 9. Adjourn

Please contact Tracey Hedgepeth with any questions about this agenda. The e-mail address is <mailto:tracey.hedgpeth@townofcary.org> and the phone number is (919) 460-4062

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Cary Town Hall, Conference Room 11130

Cary, NC 27513

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## Committee Meeting

~ Minutes ~

Ted Jeffcoate

Monday, January 23, 2017

6:00 PM

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### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

#### 1. Agenda Item (ID # 1902)

Welcome new members

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Dan Evarrs welcomed new committee members John Ackiss and Marie Swepson.

### 2. Adoption of Agenda

### 3. Adoption of Minutes

- Monday, May 16, 2016

### 4. Public Speaks Out

None

### 5. Reports

#### 1. Agenda Item (ID # 1903)

PRCR Advisory Board Update

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Dan mentioned the positive response to the zone registration system that has been implemented in winter basketball and coming to spring baseball and softball this spring. Dan reiterated the need for more facilities in western Cary and reported to the committee that the baseball field originally slated for Mills Park phase II has been cut due to lack of funding.

#### 2. Agenda Item (ID # 1904)

Teen Council update/report

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

No report. Teen member not present.

#### 3. Agenda Item (ID # 1905)

Staff - Ted Jeffcoate

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Jan 23, 2017 6:00 PM (Adoption of Minutes)

## COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Ted reported on the two awards that the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources department won in 2016 (NRPA Gold Medal Award and NAYS Award for Excellence in Youth Sports). Ted will email the committee links to view the awarding winning presentations.

## 6. New Business

### 1. Agenda Item (ID # 2226)

2017 Schedule

## COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Ted briefly went over the schedule for meetings and other events that the committee would be asked to attend. A full detailed schedule will be emailed to the committee soon.

### 2. Agenda Item (ID # 1906)

Committee recommendation for changes to Spring Baseball/Softball

## COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

The 2017 Spring Baseball and Softball (T-ball, Mite, Mustang, 10U) registration will be regionalized using relatively the same boundaries as Winter Basketball. Ted asked the committee for feedback on potential schedule changes for this season. Currently T-Ball and Mite leagues play the majority of their games during the week (Mon-Fri 6-7:15 p.m.), with occasional Saturday games. Practices are primarily on the weekends (Sat or Sun). Staff is considering scheduling more games on Saturday and practices during the week (5:30 or 6:30 p.m. start times for two teams to practice each night with fields available). This was in response to possible "away" games with the new zone system, making it difficult for parents to get players to the field in time during the week.

The 5:30 p.m. start time for practices during the week was a concern for several of the committee members as it would be difficult for parents and coaches to get to the field that early.

It was suggested that some zones could schedule one practice per night (6 p.m. start time)/per field if there were enough fields to accommodate that. This would highlight the need for more facilities in different parts of town.

Ted will take the committee's feedback to staff for a final decision.

### 3. Agenda Item (ID # 1908)

Concussion protocols

## COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Currently there are no concussion protocols in place in our sports leagues. Staff is seeking resources to educate coaches on the symptoms and proper steps to take if they suspect a player has a concussion. The National Alliance for Youth Sports has a free program. Ted asked the committee for suggestions on other resources for information and training.

Suggestions:

Athletic training staff at area high schools

UNC- Exercise Science staff  
 Boston University  
 Physical Therapy practices that support the local high schools

**4. Agenda Item (ID # 2227)**

Youth Baseball Affiliation

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

The Town is not currently affiliated with a baseball organization (was affiliated with Pony many years ago). Staff is considering affiliating with one of the baseball organizations to give us a more well-defined set of league rules, as well as more opportunity for All Star post season tournament play. Currently the Town uses Major League baseball rules (some don't apply to our leagues) with some "local rules" more suited for recreational baseball. The down side is the cost involved to affiliate with an organization and possible geographical implications for non Cary residents participating in post season play.

It was suggested to start with national high school baseball rules and modified to fit the needs of our program. Several committee members offered to help with that process.

Some committee members felt that the surge of travel baseball teams in the area decreased the interest and excitement in the post season All Star tournaments. Others felt it was still very important and creates a sense of community pride.

Staff will continue to look at options for a baseball affiliation.

## 7. Updates and Discussions

**1. Agenda Item (ID # 1909)**

Town website changes

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

The Town has recently overhauled its website and moved toward a more mobile friendly site. Teamsideline, the website currently used for sports game schedules has also gone to a more mobile friendly look. Ted encourage the committee to visit the sites.

**2. Agenda Item (ID # 1910)**

Class software replacement

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Class software is currently used by our department for registration, facility booking, etc. That software will no longer be supported so the Town is looking at two options for a new software package. If the software solution that is chosen does not give sports the functionality we need, staff will look at using the capabilities in Teamsideline, the site that is currently used for our game schedules.

**3. Agenda Item (ID # 1907)**

Bullpens

## COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Bulls pens have been installed at fields 3, 5 & 6 (one on each side of the field) at Bond Park. These areas will be used for pitchers to warm up prior to and during games and for pitcher workouts at practices. The committee asked if there were plans to install them at other Town fields and could sponsors be sought to offset cost of building the additional bull pens.

**4. Agenda Item (ID # 1911)**

Fall league recaps

## COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Youth Baseball - up 71 players

Youth Softball - up 22 players

Youth Basketball - down 15 players

Senior Softball - up 3 teams

Adult Volleyball - down 2 teams

Adult Basketball - up 1 team

Adult Softball - down 13 teams

**5. Agenda Item (ID # 2228)**

Winter Basketball Update

## COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

The season is underway and registration numbers increased again this season with the implementation of the new zone registration system. Space continues to be limited in the West where participation numbers are very high.

**8. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned 7:15 p.m.