

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
Ethics Board
Thursday, April 18, 2013
Audrey Beck Municipal Building, Conference Room B

Minutes

Members Present: Lena Barry, John DeWolf, Saul Nesselroth, Jim Raynor, Win Smith, Nora Stevens (Chair)

Staff Present: Maria Capriola, Assistant Town Manager

The meeting was called to order at 4:35pm.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Smith made the motion, seconded by Mr. Nesselroth to adopt the minutes. The minutes were approved as presented with DeWolf, Nesselroth, Smith, and Stevens voting in favor and Raynor abstaining. Barry did not vote since all regular members were present.

III. ADVISORY OPINION

The Board reviewed and discussed Mr. LaPlaca's advisory opinion request regarding referees and volunteer coaches of youth sports. The Board acknowledges that while the Code permits paid referees to accept gifts as outlined in 25-4 and 25-7B, the Board will discourage referees from accepting any gifts. Further, the Code is not applicable to volunteer coaches who are not employees or officials of the Town. However, for volunteer coaches who are also employees or officials for whom the Ethics Code is applicable, the gift provisions in 25-4 and 25-7B do apply at all times, even when serving as a volunteer coach. Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Raynor, to have staff summarize the Board's opinion and to schedule a special meeting at which time the Board will finalize its advisory opinion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board will finalize its advisory opinion at a special meeting on Thursday, May 2nd at 4:30pm.

IV. CONFLICT OF INTEREST/DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

The Board has asked staff to keep an index of disclosure statements. A standard acknowledgement letter will be sent to individual(s) that submit disclosure statements.

V. FAQ UPDATE

The Board will make housekeeping updates to its FAQ pamphlet created in February 2010.

Mr. Smith made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maria E. Capriola, Assistant Town Manager *on behalf of Lena Barry, Secretary*