

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, March 16, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**BOARD OF RECREATION  
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY  
February 16, 2023**

Vice President Howie Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m., it having been duly noted that this meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., notice of which was published in The Record and sent to the Star Ledger as well as posted on the Village bulletin board. Roll call was taken. Commission members present: Howie Jacobs, Gil Bell, Melinda Lugo, Royce Morris, Barbara Steiner, Bella Wagner. Excused: Diane Maglione, Hal Bomzer, Melina Pope, Mike Ruiz.

The minutes of the January 19, 2023, meeting were approved on a motion made by Melinda Lugo and seconded by Gil Bell. All were in favor of the motion.

**Correspondence:**

- Email dated 1/23/23 from Matt McArow – 2023 COI for Use of Facilities for Board of Education
- Note from Clerk's Office – Newsletter deadline is February 24, 2023.
- Email dated 2/16/23 from Board of Ed – Permit to use Lincoln gym for Big Mike's League approved from 4/25 – 6/13. Tuesday nights
- Email dated 2/16/23 from Board of Ed – Permit to use Lincoln gym for boy's travel practice approved from 3/17 – 6/23. Thursdays/Fridays

**Wish Tree** – No activity at this time.

**Tree Lighting** – No activity at this time.

**Holiday Display Contest** – No activity at this time.

**Basketball:** There have been a few incidents in some of the divisions that had to be handled. Hal Bomzer had posters made for the three gyms to remind everyone of the code of conduct and good sportsmanship. Clinic is going well and will end next session. Trophies have been ordered for all divisions.

The biggest problem this year has been getting referees for the games. The boy's division has not been able to secure enough referees for the remainder of the season, including the championships. Gil Bell and Bella Wagner said they have referees for the remainder of their season. The Board will post on the Village Instagram to gather more referees for next season.

A motion was made by Howie Jacobs and seconded by Gil Bell that the Board should use the IABBO referee association for the remainder of the season on any game that the division leader cannot secure referees. This is for the safety of the players to make sure all rules are followed. All were in favor of the motion.

**Big Mike's League** – Permit came in for use of Lincoln School gym on Tuesday nights from 4/25 – 6/13. Howie will probably run an 8-week session.

**Saturday Night Hoops** – We are three weeks into the season and so far, it's progressing very well. We discussed looking to borrow Saturday morning March 11 for an SNH Early session. Additionally, hoping to hold our All-Star game (HS team vs Rec All-Star team) along with some contests for the kids on Saturday March 25.

**Girls' 3/4 Travel Basketball Team** – Carlos Alvarez coaches this team. The Board has not heard from him since the travel season ended last year.

**Girls' 7/8 Travel Basketball Team** – Al Ramirez is coaching this team. It will be practicing at Lincoln on Mondays and Wednesdays through June. All is going well.

**Boys' 7/8 Travel Basketball Team** – Deinde Otuyelu is coaching this team. He will practice at Lincoln on Thursdays and Fridays through June. Permit came in for use of Lincoln School gym from 3/17 – 6/23.

**Bowling** – No activity at this time.

**Women's Softball** – No activity at this time. Packets will go out shortly to the teams.

**Fourth of July** – No activity at this time. The form to nominate a grand marshal was received.

**Rag-A-Muffin** – No activity at this time. A new banner will have to be ordered before the parade to add the new divisions. The parade will take place on October 21 this year with a rain date scheduled for October 28 to try to eliminate conflicts with trunk or treats held the same day.

**Adult Trips/Activities** – We are looking to use last year's remaining \$700 credit with the Devils on April 11 if anyone is interested. So far Bella Wagner indicated she is interested, and Howard asked that if anyone else is interested to let him know in the next couple of weeks so he can contact the Devils and order tickets.

**Archery Clinic** – The program will start up again in the spring. Gil is placing an order for the next season. He will send in the starting date by February 24 so it can go in the next newsletter.

**Tennis** – Residents may contact Barry Ruback at [barrys10s@gmail.com](mailto:barrys10s@gmail.com) or 201-568-3946 with any questions. The spring session is scheduled for: Saturday May 6, 13, 20, 27, June 3. Cost is \$85.00.

**T2S Basketball** – The program is continuing under Larry Umana and Nate Lopez. T2S Basketball Academy will be offering Agility/Strength & Conditioning Training for those who are interested in improving their overall athletic ability in their corresponding sport. They received permission to utilize a quarter of the turf field for Monday and Thursday evenings from 6pm-10pm starting March 27th to June 16th. They are waiting for permission to use the school facilities. This is a Board sponsored activity.

**Ping Pong** – Barbara DeLuca met with Sue Chak to see about starting up ping pong again since we have had adult requests for a ping pong program. She said she can do a program for adults on Monday and/or Wednesday/Thursday nights. She really likes to have two tables available. She provides the paddles and balls because she likes to use a certain brand. She said the table at the civic center is not a great table, but it will work for the lessons. We can speak with Ivan (the original adult that wanted a program) to see if he still wants to offer use of his ping pong table for the program.

She would also like to do a youth program. She said she could do a youth program 6:00 - 7:30 (or 7:00). The cost for an eight-week session would be \$137.00. She said when the weather gets better, they can hold an outdoor tournament which is always fun.

What she really would like to do is a senior session that she is calling Fit-U. She has put in for a grant. If she gets the grant, she will run the program for free to seniors. She could come during the day for the seniors. If she does not get the grant, she would charge only \$35.00 for an eight-week session for the seniors.

Her goal with the seniors is to give them a healthier life by keeping their mind and body active. She said it helps with mobility by keeping seniors active as well as improving their brain function because they need to focus on the game. She said if seniors are kept healthier, they are less burden on healthcare and lead happier and healthier lives.

She is available to do a presentation if the BOC would like. She is available on Friday mornings if the Commissioner would like to see her presentation.

The forms just went out in the schools and initial feedback is the cost is too high. This information will be passed onto Sue Chak.

**Easter Egg Hunt** – No activity at this time. The hunt is scheduled for April 8 this year.

**Treasurer's Report** – The beginning balance as of 12/31/22 was \$29,371.65 Total expenses as of 1/30/23 of \$1,681.00 (Big Mike's prizes, basketball refund). Total deposits \$1,386.39 (rec basketball, Sat Night Hoops) with \$111.39 interest. Net available balance 1/31/23 \$29,077.04.

A motion was made by Gil Bell and seconded by Royce Morris to accept the Treasurer's Report. All were in favor of the motion.

**Old Business:**

**Movie Night** – The teacher's union has everything approved for a movie night with the Board of Recreation. Details will be finalized shortly. Location has not been selected yet.

**Sports Stipends** – Commissioner Olson has sent the form out.

**New Business:**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 16, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m. on a motion made by Bella Wagner and seconded by Melinda Lugo. All were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

*Barbara DeLuca*

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cc: Commissioner Mark Olson