

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, April 20, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.**

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

President Diane Maglione called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 the Star Ledger as well as posted on the Village bulletin board. Roll call was taken. Commission members present: Diane Maglione, Hal Bomzer, Gil Bell (present but had to leave early), Melinda Lugo, Melina Pope, Bella Wagner. Excused: Howie Jacobs, Royce Morris, Mike Ruiz, Barbara Steiner.

The minutes of the February 16, 2023, meeting were approved on a motion made by Melinda Lugo and seconded by Bella Wagner. All were in favor of the motion.

**Correspondence:**

- Email dated 3/14/23 from RP Key Club Re: They would like to assist at the Easter Egg Hunt.
- Email dated 3/15/23 from Sue Chak Re: Ping Pong – close adult registration at 6 unless there is a third table.

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

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

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

**Basketball:** Boys 7/8 – finished one week early. Adding a third referee really worked out great in this division.

Diane Maglione said she was present at some of the games but did not have a copy of the rules and there was no copy for her to look at. She suggests that next year a copy of the rules be kept at the scorers/timers desk.

Diane said she also noticed in one division that one team had a participant playing up as well as a player on the spectrum while another had highly skilled players. She said the Board needs to address how teams are made up. There was a discussion that next year the 5/6 division should have try outs similar to 7/8 boys' division. Next year, there should also be a thorough training for all scorers/timers. The books were not kept properly by a lot of the scorers. A completed sample page will be placed in each book next year so they all will see how the records for each game should be kept. Diane also noticed that no team cleans up after themselves. Next year the Board must stress to all coaches that the gym must be left in clean condition. Lincoln School needs a new controller.

**Big Mike's League** – Permit came in for use of Lincoln School gym on Tuesday nights from 4/25 – 6/13. Howie will reach out and see if there is enough interest to run a spring season. So far only one team has gotten back to him that they are interested in playing again in the spring. It will be posted on social media to see if there's enough interest.

**Saturday Night Hoops** – The season is going very well so far. They booked Saturday morning March 18 for a Saturday "Morning" Hoops. Additionally, hoping to hold All-Star game (HS team vs Rec All-Star team) along with some contests for the kids on Saturday March 25. Everyone seems to be enjoying themselves.

**Girls' 3/4 Travel Basketball Team** – Carlos Alvarez coaches this team. He will practice with the girls at Roosevelt School on Tuesday nights 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. starting March 28 and ending June 27.

**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. They are entered in a league.

**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** – Packets went out to the teams and are due May 1. DPW made up field permit. The Rock advised they are not participating this year.

**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. Key Club said they can assist at this event.

**Adult Trips/Activities** – Howie is looking into using up the credit from last year.

**Archery Clinic** – Order for supplies was placed and should arrive shortly. April 15, 2023 – June 24, 2023 – No archery on May 27 for Memorial Day Weekend. A post will be put on the village Instagram and Facebook page asking for volunteers for this program.

**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 Board of Rec is working with 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. As done every year, T2S gave out free gift certificates to each division for a total of six.

**Ping Pong** – Sue Chak will be running the program. The fee is \$120.00 per session. A resident generously donated his ping pong table for the Board's use. In exchange, the Board has allowed him to participate at no charge. The adult program is closed unless there is a third table. There are two youth signed up right now. The clinic will be held in the lower level of the civic center.

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. Commissioner Olson said Sue should check with the seniors directly to see if they are interested.

**Easter Egg Hunt** – The hunt is scheduled for April 8 this year. Key Club said they could assist with the hunt and even asked if they could bring some treats for the kids. The ambulance corps was contacted to see if they will participate this year, but they have not responded yet. The Easter Bunny is ready. Diane purchased the candy and eggs, which were distributed to members tonight for filling. Members should meet at 8:00 a.m. on April 8 by the Preston Street side of the school parking lot. If members are not available, please let the Board know so Diane can be sure there is sufficient help at the egg hunt. Hal Bomzer advised he is not available for the egg hunt.

**Treasurer's Report** – The beginning balance as of 2/1/23 was \$29,077.004. Total expenses as of 2/28/23 of \$6,776.91 (Sat Night Hoops basketball, girls travel basketball, scorers/timers, egg hunt supplies). Total deposits \$243.08 (rec basketball) with \$93.08 interest. Net available balance 2/28/23 \$22,543.21.

A motion was made by Bella Wagner and seconded by Melinda Lugo 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. It will probably be held at Veteran's Park on a Wednesday night in June when school is over. RPEA has not completely finalized everything.

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

**New Business:**

Commissioner Olson was present at the meeting. He said that he met with Bogota's new Recreation Director about concerts and he mentioned that Bogota would love to join Ridgefield Park's archery program. They wanted an archery program but can't have one. Commissioner Olson said the Board could decide if they would like to join together and what the terms should be such as provide coaches, pay for replacement equipment for next year, etc.

Commissioner Olson also wanted to announce some upcoming events:

3/23 @ 6:00 p.m. in front of the municipal building will be a Ramadan event.

3/26 @ 5:00 p.m. will be a harp meeting and recital at civic center.

10/7 – Street Fair

Commissioner Olson said he could arrange a meeting with Diane and Bogota if the Board would like one.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 20, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. on a motion made by Bella Wagner and seconded by Hal Bomzer. All were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

*Barbara DeLuca*

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cc: Commissioner Mark Olson