

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**BOARD OF RECREATION  
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY  
April 20, 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, Melinda Lugo, Melina Pope, Mike Ruiz, Barbara Steiner. Excused: Howie Jacobs, Bella Wagner.

The minutes of the March 16, 2023, meeting were approved on a motion made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Mike Ruiz. All were in favor of the motion.

**Correspondence:**

- Email dated 4/2/23 from Peppermint Re: Info on Archery Program
- Email dated 4/6/23 from Cecilia Echeverri Re: Info on Archery Program
- Memo dated 4/12/23 from Tara O'Grady Re: Appointments and Oaths of Office.
- Memo dated 4/13/23 from Tara O'Grady Re: 2023 Financial Disclosure Statements due by 4/30/23.

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

**Tree Lighting** – No activity at this time. The Board will ask Mercedes Haines for a set of procedures for the person taking over this activity.

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

**Basketball:** No activity at this time.

**Big Mike's League** – Permit came in for use of Lincoln School gym on Tuesday nights from 4/25 – 6/13. The teams told Howie that the fall worked better for them. He might use the gym for open nights for Saturday Night Hoops. Still thinking over if he can do it. Hal Bomzer will need the controller back so he can get it repaired.

**Saturday Night Hoops** – The season successfully wrapped up on April 1 with the 76ers crowned as champions. As the All-Star game originally planned was unable to be played a decision was made to try and hold an All-Star tournament the night of May 20. The games will include the HS teams from 2022 and 2023 as well as Rec All-Star teams from 2022 and 2023.

**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 trunks or treats held the same day. Key Club said they can assist at this event.

**Adult Trips/Activities** – Howie, Bella and Bella's children attended the Devils final home game of the season on April 11 to use the credit remaining from last year.

**Archery Clinic** – The session will run from 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. Seven people showed up for the first session. Melina said she has one new instructor so far. Gil will bring Bogota into it. Commissioner Olson will handle it. The Board needs to give 30 days' notice to schedule a class for the instructors. The equipment for the other range is ready.

**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. The 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 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Ping Pong** – Sue Chak is running the program. The fee is \$120.00 per session. There has been some confusion getting the program organized and setting the ping pong tables up in time for the sessions. As a result, the two children who signed up for the youth session requested a refund, which was given. The Board tried to get set-up straightened out with the DPW so the adult session will start on time. There are 7 adults in this session. Sue has written to the Senior Center to see if they would be interested in holding lessons for the seniors.

**Easter Egg Hunt** – The hunt was held on April 8 and well attended. The Key Club was extremely helpful. They helped with everything at the hunt as well as provided goodie bags for the kids. The Easter Bunny was available to take pictures afterwards. Unfortunately, there was a parent that stole a prize egg.

**Treasurer's Report** – The beginning balance as of 3/1/23 was \$22,543.21. Total expenses as of 3/31/23 of \$2,153.08 (Sat Night Hoops basketball, rec basketball, Easter candy and prizes, ping pong partial refunds, code of conduct posters, archery shirts). Total deposits \$2,450.87 (archery registration, ping pong, Sat Night Hoops basketball) with \$90.87 interest. Net available balance 3/31/23 \$22,841.80.

A motion was made by Mike Ruiz and seconded by Melinda Lugo to accept the Treasurer's Report. All were in favor of the motion.

#### **Old Business:**

**Movie Night** – The teachers' 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 when school is over. RPEA has not completely finalized everything. Commissioner Olson is trying to keep one concert night open to avoid any conflicts with movie night.

**Sports Stipends** – Commissioner Olson sent the forms out, but the Board doesn't think anyone submitted yet.

#### **New Business:**

Canopy came in for use at outdoor events.

Earth Day is scheduled for May 20, 2023, from 10:00 am. – 3:00 p.m. at Riverfront Park. The archery clinic will be open, but members are needed to man a table at the event.

Larry Umana wants to run something in Brewster Park. He would like to have 3x3 tournaments. Commissioner Olson would make sure there are new basketball nets. Larry would run it. The Board thinks it might not be the best park and worries about kids getting hurt. The Board thinks maybe Second Street Park would be better.

Diane Maglione said that Elaine Marin messaged her to ask, "what do you think about having a box at the municipal building where we could give back our plastic eggs?" Diane told her that the Board had boxes to give back plastic eggs at the park, but none were ever returned. With Covid germs, it is now less desired and that she was the only one who has

mentioned returning eggs. Before the eggs could be reused, they would have to be properly sanitized, matched up and counted by the Board; although a nice idea, it is not practical. The eggs don't cost much, and people can reuse the eggs at home if they wish. They are #5 plastic, so they are not made of recyclable plastic. Diane ended up posting a reply on the RP Mom's page.

A suggestion of holding goat yoga as an adult activity was received by the Board. Melina Pope and Barbara DeLuca are looking into this. Howie Jacobs also has some possible new activities he is looking into.

Music program – Amy Bologna will meet with Commissioner Olson about running a summer music program.

Melina said she knows a parent interested in teaching robotics during the summer. The Board felt this program would be better suited to be held at the town summer camp.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. on a motion made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Gil Bell. All were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

*Barbara DeLuca*

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cc: Commissioner Mark Olson