

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
June 15, 2023**

President Diane Maglione called the meeting to order at 7:05 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, Howie Jacobs, Gil Bell, Royce Morris, Barbara Steiner, Bella Wagner. Excused: Melinda Lugo, Melina Pope. Absent: Mike Ruiz.

The minutes of the May 18, 2023, meeting were approved on a motion made by Howie Jacobs and seconded by Hal Bomzer. All were in favor of the motion.

Anthony Lopez was invited to discuss a running club he would like to start. He would like to start in the summer and have a group that any skill can participate in. He is thinking of doing one or two times a week, 30–45-minute, slow run so everyone will feel welcome. Right now, he is thinking of a midday run. The Board recommended that he start at high school age (14) so he would not have to worry about being a babysitter for young children.

Anthony said he will give the program some structure. He is willing to help teach kids how to run if enough sign up. He should think about the age group he wants to target. The Board can put some feelers out on social media to see what the interest is. In the future, if younger children wanted to join, maybe he could have a group where a parent must accompany a younger child. The sign-up will be at the runner's risk. The Board will have a waiver available for runners to sign. A form will also be needed from each participant, so the Board has emergency contact info. Anthony needs to plan the route he wants to run. It was suggested he try the bike route in Veteran's Park. There's also nice routes in Overpeck County Park if his group is able to get there as well. Anthony will look into the route and send his start-up info to the Board for posting.

Correspondence: none received.

Wish Tree – No activity at this time.

Tree Lighting – No activity at this time. Mercedes Haines will write up a set of procedures for Melinda Lugo, who is taking over this event.

Holiday Display Contest – No activity at this time.

Basketball: Early bird registration will be held until August 15. Regular registration will be held on September 22 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and September 23 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Civic Center. Registration fees in September will be \$55.00. Evaluations will be 10/30 & 11/1. Early bird forms sent to the schools and emailed to all past participants.

Big Mike's League – Regular Season Dates: 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/10, 10/16, 10/23. Playoff Dates: 11/2 & 11/3. Howie is looking for 6 teams to participate.

Saturday Night Hoops – All-Star tournament held the night of May 20. As for the event itself, it turned out to be a great success. We played a World Cup style tournament wherein all 4 teams played one another leading to six total games to determine who would play in the finals. Our six teams were the 2022 and 2023 high school teams and players from the 2022 and 2023 Saturday Night Hoops programs. We had 30+ kids participate overall. To determine who would end up playing the 2023 Scarlets high school team in the finals we had the 2022 team face off against the 2022 SNH kids in the final game of the six. The 2022 Scarlets won, and it was a fun finals matchup. The 2023 Scarlets had it all wrapped up with about 3 minutes left leading by about 15 when the 2022 Scarlets stormed all the way back to tie it with less than 5 seconds left. The game went to OT where the 2023 Scarlets held a one-point lead and a shot by the 2022 Scarlets rimmed out at the buzzer making the 2023 Scarlets the champions.

A lot of the kids expressed interest in a summer Saturday afternoon league and so I said I'd look into it. The Board put something in to see if we could get a summer permit. Howie is not 100% sure he's going to pursue yet. He'll advise the Board of his decision.

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 – No activity at this time.

Fourth of July – No activity at this time. The grand marshal is Bebe Rholfs.

Rag-A-Muffin – No activity at this time. A new banner will have to be ordered before the parade to add the new divisions. Barbara will get the info for the new banner to Hal for printing. 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 with this event.

Adult Trips/Activities – No activity at this time.

Archery Clinic – The session ran from April 15, 2023 – June 24, 2023. Gil said there's a few people looking to get trained. They are going back to NASP for now. They will be USA at a later date. Most everything is ready to go for the longer range. Mark Olson will make some stands to hold equipment and eventually they plan to host a hunting test after they get USA certified. They have been discussing allowing people to use the range during the summer. People must first contact Gil Bell. There are plans to put a keypad on for access in the future.

Tennis – Residents may contact Barry Ruback at barrys10s@gmail.com or 201-568-3946 with any questions. The summer session will run on **TUESDAYS June 20, 27, July 11, 18, 25** at Fellowship Park. The cost is \$85.00. Residents may contact Barry Ruback at barrys10s@gmail.com or 201-568-3946 with any questions.

5:00 – 6:00 pm 6 - 8 years old
6:00 – 7:00 pm 9 - 11 years old
7:00 – 8:00 pm 12 years old and up
8:00 – 9:00 pm Adults

T2S Basketball – The skills program is run by Larry Umana and Nate Lopez and held at Veterans Park, 10 Morningside Lane. Their Summer Clinic will run: Week 1: June 26 - June 29 ; Week 2: July 03 - July 06; Week 3: July 10 - July 13; Week 4: July 17 - July 20, Week 5: July 24 – July 27; Week 6: July 31 - Aug 03. Pavilion available for shade & hydration. **FEE:** \$250 per week (\$50 OFF Sibling Discount); **MULTIPLE WEEK REGISTRATION FEE:** \$225 per week. Applicants must register online at <https://www.t2sba.com/products/summercamp>. For multi-week registrations, use <https://www.t2sba.com/products>. Info: t2sbasketballacademy@gmail.com. The Board will instruct Larry to contact them before sending anything out.

Ping Pong – Sue Chak is running the program. The fee is \$120.00 per session. Sue has written to the Senior Center to see if they would be interested in holding lessons for the seniors but got no response. Diane will ask the DPW to unlock the door for the next two Mondays.

Easter Egg Hunt – No activity at this time.

Summer String Camp – This is a new activity being taught by Amy Beshara.

ELIGIBILITY: **Ages 5-8 camp will run from 11:15 -12:00**

Ages 9-13 camp will run 12:15-1:15

Must attend school or live in Ridgefield Park. Bogota & Little Ferry students are also eligible to participate.

SESSION 1:	July 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20	TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY
SESSION 2:	August 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17	TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

WHERE: Civic Center, 159 Park Street, Ridgefield Park
FEE: \$280 for 5 weeks (14 classes) need a minimum of 5 students per session.

Treasurer's Report – The beginning balance as of 4/30/23 was \$21,783.91. Total expenses as of 4/28/23 of \$1,712.24 (Sat Night Hoops basketball, rec basketball, gift card, member clothing, referee happy hour). Total deposits 0 with \$93.86 interest. Net available balance 5/31/23 \$20,165.53.

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

Old Business:

Movie Night – The Board has not received final details on the date and location of movie night yet. Any available members who can help out that night is all that is needed.

New Business:

The Board discussed the back-to-school gift tree that was done last year. It worked out well and really helped some families out so the Board will contact the schools again and have a Sign-Up Genius for this activity.

Still looking into possible session of goat yoga for fall.

Sustainable RP wanted to let the Board know that the annual health fair is scheduled for October 14 at the K of C. CVS will be handling flu shots and other immunizations. A link will be available shortly for people to sign up and SRP would appreciate people helping them to meet the minimum required for CVS to handle the immunizations. People can use their insurance for the immunizations.

Hal Bomzer spoke to Anthony Lopez to see if he might be interested in joining the Board. He explained what the Board does and told him to contact the Board if he was interested.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 21, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m. on a motion made by Bella Wagner and seconded by Barbara Steiner. All were in favor of the motion.

cc: Commissioner Mark Olson

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara DeLuca
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