

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**BOARD OF RECREATION  
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY  
September 15, 2022**

President Diane Maglione called the meeting to order at 7:00 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: Diane Maglione, Hal Bomzer, Howie Jacobs, Melinda Lugo, Royce Morris, Melina Pope. Excused: Gil Bell, Mercedes Haines, Mike Ruiz, Barbara Steiner, Bella Wagner. Absent: Mercedes Haines.

The minutes of the June 16, 2022, meeting were approved on a motion made by Melina Pope and seconded by Melinda Lugo. All were in favor of the motion.

**Correspondence:**

- Email dated 7/6/22 from Commissioner Olson Re: Grant Info on Lacrosse
- Email dated 7/7/22 from Rachel Ishak Re: Community Programming with the Brain Injury Alliance of NJ
- Memo from Tara O'Grady Re: Newsletter Deadline is 8/22
- Email dated 8/14/22 from Green Team Re: Blood Drive to be Held on 10/1/22
- Email dated 8/17/22 from Stephanie Takach Re: Permit for use of Lincoln gym in summer
- Email dated 8/23/22 from Leslie Olson, Green Team Re: Swap & Shop 9/24/22
- Email dated 8/24/22 from Commissioner Olson Re: Archery Info received from Cherry Ridge Range
- Email dated 8/24/22 from Racquel Benitez Re: PeeWee Scarlet Devils Cheering
- Email dated 8/24/22 from Marisa Clarino re: PeeWee Scarlet Devils Cheering
- Email dated 9/7/22 from Stephanie Takach Re: Use of Facilities Permits for basketball
- Email dated 9/7/22 from Green Team Re: Health Fair/Blood Drive on 10/1/22

**Back-to-School Assistance** – This new activity worked out well. The Board worked with the schools to get the names of some families that could use some assistance with back-to-school clothing and shoes/sneakers. The Board used an online sign-up for this activity and it worked great. All slots were taken and items went to very appreciative families. The principals of the schools thanked the Board for doing this. There is one slot that clothing has not been returned for yet. Thank you notes were sent to all that participated.

**Wish Tree** – Gifts will be due by December 14 this year to avoid rushing around so close to Christmas.

**Tree Lighting** – Tree lighting will take place on December 4 this year.

**Holiday Display Contest** – Contest will take place December 16-18 this year. Prizes are in.

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

**Women's Softball** – Peggy Schneider ran the program again and all went well. Next year the Board will remind and make sure all teams wear the required shirts. The teams need to remember to rake the field after the games to help keep the field in a safer condition.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July** – No activity at this time.

**Rag-A-Muffin** – Trophies were ordered and will be delivered to Bella Wagner. Her daughter will assemble them for community service. Two popcorn carts, a DJ and magician were ordered for the parade. All available members are needed for the October 29 parade. A note will be sent to soccer to remind them to schedule the younger divisions in the afternoon.

**Adult Trips/Activities** – Nothing going on at this time.

**Archery Clinic** – The fall program will run from September 17 – November 19. Equipment was ordered for the season. Commissioner Olson had the rules sign made.

**Basketball** – Registration will be held in the Civic Center on September 23 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and September 24 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Hal, Melinda and Gil will handle Friday night sign-ups and Melina and Barbara Steiner will take care of Saturday morning. Evaluations will be scheduled for: November 1 and 2 November 1 will be boys 3/4 and 5/6 beginning at 6:30 p.m. November 2 will be all girls beginning at 6:30 p.m. and 7/8 boys 7:15 – 8:30 p.m. Boys 7/8 tryouts will be held similar to Saturday Night Hoops tryouts. All available members are needed for evaluations. At the draft, coaches will be given the rosters for the travel teams. There can be no more than two travel team players on each team. The Basketball Committee will speak to Coach Al Ramirez before the draft.

Hal sent emails to all three principals to get the dates the schools will not be available. Site managers will be added to the pre-season meeting with the coaches/referees/scorers/timers.

A motion was made by Howie Jacobs and seconded by Hal Bomzer to raise the payment to scorers/timers to \$12 per game. All were in favor of the motion.

**Saturday Night Hoops** – The season will start in November/December. Nothing new to report yet.

**Girls' 3/4 Travel Basketball Team** – Carlos Alvarez coaches this team.

**Girls' 5/6 Travel Basketball Team** – Al Ramirez is coaching this team. Practices are currently at Lincoln on Tuesdays and Thursdays. He would like to practice on Mondays after Big Mike's league ends if a slot is available for them.

**Boys' 5/6 Travel Basketball Team** – Deinde Otuyelu is coaching this team.

**Tennis** – Residents may contact Barry Ruback at [barrys10s@gmail.com](mailto:barrys10s@gmail.com) or 201-568-3946 with any questions. The fall session has started. Barry is looking for one more person so he can hold an adult session.

**T2S Basketball** – The program is continuing under Larry Umana and Nate Lopez.

**Big Mike League** – The program will run out of Lincoln School September 12 - October 24 (skip Halloween) and playoffs on November 7 & November 14 on Mondays 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. The season started on Monday night. There was an injury to a player. There are six teams participating in the league.

**Easter Egg Hunt** – No activity at this time.

**Treasurer's Report** – The beginning balance as of 5/31/22 was \$ 25,904.74. Total expenses as of 6/30/22 of \$3,159.82 (softball, travel basketball, rec dinner, archery, umpires). Total deposits \$920.02 (softball) and \$20.02 interest. Net available balance 6/30/22 \$23,664.94. Total outstanding (uncleared checks) \$ 1,589.80.

The beginning balance as of 6/30/22 was \$23,664.94. Total expenses as of 7/30/22 was \$594.00 (women's softball). Total deposits were \$27.91 interest. Net available balance 7/31/22 \$23,098.85.

The beginning balance as of 7/31/22 was \$23,098.85. Total expenses as of 7/31/22 was \$865.00 (boy's travel basketball, women's softball umpires). Total deposits of \$2,531.14 (basketball and Big Mike's) and \$46.14 interest. Net available balance 8/31/22 \$24,764.99

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

#### **Old Business:**

**Sports Stipends** – form is ready to be sent to organizations when the Commissioner is ready to send it out.

#### **New Business:**

Some adults have expressed an interest in mahjong. The Board will contact one of the interested people and advise if they are really interested, they could come under the sponsorship of the Board of Recreation and should let the Board know what nights are better for them.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. on a motion made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Howie Jacobs. All were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

*Barbara DeLuca*

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cc: Commissioner Mark Olson

This link will be used for the monthly meeting when it is held via Zoom: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71636345842?pwd=RDZEVE9LaXFxWoxbmXJSgQVDhWZz09> Meeting ID: 716 3634 5842 Passcode: Y4rtpt