

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
February 17, 2022**

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 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, Gil Bell, Melinda Lugo, Melina Pope, Bella Wagner. Excused: Howie Jacobs, Kaitlyn Maglione. Absent: Mercedes Haines, Mike Ruiz.

The minutes of the January 20, 2022, meeting were approved on a motion made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Melinda Lugo. All were in favor of the motion.

Correspondence:

- Email dated 1/21/22 from Stephen Mazzella introducing himself as the new coordinator for the Village Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts
- Email dated 1/24/22 from Rosa Cartagena Re: Basketball Incident on 1/22/22
- Email dated 1/24/22 from Rosa Cartagena Re: Unavailable to attend meeting on 1/25/22
- Email dated 2/1/22 from Barry Ruback enclosing spring tennis flyer
- Email dated 2/2/22 from Jimmy Coloma resigning from Board of Recreation
- Email dated 2/3/22 from Principal Stephen Ferraro Re: Gym Doors at Lincoln School
- Email dated 2/7/22 from Sue Chak advising she will not be able to continue with the ping pong program
- Invoice from Ad Mfg Corp for basketball trophies

Bowling – No activity at this time.

Women's Softball – Registration packets went out to all the teams.

4th of July – No activity at this time.

Rag-A-Muffin – No activity at this time. The Board sent a letter to the schools advising of the date for the 2022 parade and asked them to share it with their PTA. A letter was also sent to soccer asking if they could schedule the games for the younger kids later in the day.

Wish Tree – No activity at this time.

Tree Lighting – No activity at this time.

Holiday Display Contest – No activity at this time.

Adult Trips/Activities – The deadline to purchase tickets has been extended to February 27. Negative covid tests are now accepted so promotion will be updated to include that. The Devils are amenable to carrying over the tickets to another event and carrying 50% of the cost into next year's calendar.

Archery Clinic – The program will run April 9, 2022 – June 25, 2022 – No archery on April 16 because everyone will be at Easter Egg Hunt @ 10:00 a.m. and no archery on May 28 – Memorial Day weekend. Registration fee is \$25.00. Gil Bell said that he will be ordering six more bigger bows. Instructors need to complete an online course so they can get certified in the new program.

Basketball – **There** was a problem with the Roosevelt School backboard. The Board of Education called one company and Hal Bomzer had called Corby to look at the backboard. Corby was cheaper as well as already state-approved and could complete the job fairly quickly so they will make the repair and the Board of Education will pick up the expense. Hal Bomzer will have Corby come in next fall to do maintenance on all the backboards.

Playoffs are scheduled and trophies have been ordered and will be ready for the final games. There have been some incidents that need to be discussed in closed session.

Next year, the Board will be adopting a stricter deadline policy regarding requirements to coach. All background checks and online courses must be completed before any practices can begin. A coach will not be allowed to work with the team until all requirements are met. The Board secretary will be present at the coaches' meeting with a laptop for those coaches that have not responded to the invitation to do a background so they can take care of it then.

Going forward, we will need background checks from all refs before they can participate in our program. Certified HS refs must go through background checks so we can easily get that info from them. Those that are not HS certified will need to do the checks like our coaches and members do (as well as concussion certification).

Closed Session to Discuss Personnel – At this time the Board went into a closed session to discuss incidents that have taken place in the basketball program.

Saturday Night Hoops – The program has started. Howie Jacobs is looking into running a special event for the players – sort of a midnight madness that would run from 9:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. He has preliminary approval from the Board of Ed and is trying to work out details with the Supt as well as police coverage. Members will be needed to help out for different shifts so the night goes smoothly. At the event, there will also be a collection for the family of past recreation Coach Mike O'Neill, who recently passed away.

Girls' 5/6 Travel Basketball Team – The team is currently playing in a league and things are going well.

Boys' 5/6 Travel Basketball Team – Deinde Otuyelu is coaching this team. There are currently 10 players registered for the team. Registration fee was \$250.00. Uniforms were ordered and will be collected at the end of the season. They have secured practice time at Grant School on Fridays from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Tennis – The program will start up again next spring run by All-Pro Tennis. Saturdays, May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4. Cost is \$85.00. Residents may contact Barry Ruback at barrys10s@gmail.com or 201-568-3946 with any questions.

2:00 – 3:00 pm 6 - 7 years old

3:00 – 4:00 pm 8 - 10 years old

4:00 – 5:00 pm 11 years old and up

5:00 – 6:00 pm Adults

T2S Basketball – The program is continuing under Larry Umana and Nate Lopez. They just put in a use of facilities form with the schools. They will send their schedule when completed.

Easter Egg Hunt – It is scheduled for April 16. Diane will order the eggs and get the candy. The filled eggs can be stored at the Civic Center. Diane will notify members when supplies are in so the eggs and candy can be distributed for filling.

Ping Pong – Sue Chak advised that she accepted a new job and will no longer be able to run ping pong classes.

Treasurer's Report – The beginning balance as of 12/31/21 was \$28,804.89. Deposits made: Saturday Nite Hoops/basketball league \$750.00, as well as interest paid in the amount of \$1.39. There were expenses paid in the amount of \$3,529.60 (\$3,025.00 to Cyborgraphics for Sat Nite Hoops uniforms; \$254.60 to NJ Devils for trip deposit; \$250.00 for tree lighting to Robert Bannon) leaving an ending balance of \$26,026.68.00 as of 1/31/22. A motion was made by Gil Bell and seconded by Melina Pope to accept the Treasurer's Report. All were in favor of the motion.

Old Business: None at this time.

New Business: None at this time.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 17, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. on a motion made by Bella Wagner and seconded by Melina Pope. All were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

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cc: Commissioner Olson

This link will be used for the monthly meeting when it is held via Zoom: [https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71636345842?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71636345842?pwd=RDZEVE9LaXFxWoxbmXJSgdQVdHWZz09)

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