

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
April 21, 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, Howie Jacobs, Royce Morris, Melina Pope, Mike Ruiz, Bella Wagner. Excused: Melinda Lugo. Absent: Mercedes Haines.

The minutes of the March 17, 2022, meeting were approved on a motion made by Mike Ruiz and seconded by Melina Pope. All were in favor of the motion.

Correspondence:

- Email dated 3/27/22 from Leslie Olson, Chair of the Green Team Re: April 23 Multi-Recycling Activities together with the Paper Shredding at the DPW from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Memo dated 4/4/22 from Tara O'Grady Re: 2022 Financial Disclosure Forms due by April 30
- Email dated 4/6/22 from Vanessa Reira Re: Easter Egg Hunt
- Email dated 4/6/22 from Jesenia Vasquez Re: Sports for 3- & 4-year-olds
- Email dated 4/8/22 from Vivana Cordero Re: Archery Registration
- Email dated 4/12/22 from Stephanie Takach Re: Travel Team Gym Permits for 3&4 Girls and 5&6 Boys
- Email dated 4/23/22 from Toni Mazzarella Re: Reminder gyms are closed for spring break and Memorial Day
- Email dated 4/13/22 from Veronica Rodriguez Re: Easter Egg Hunt
- Memo dated 4/13/22 from Tara O'Grady Re: 2022 Appointments and Oaths of Office
- Email dated 4/14/22 from Ivan Perez Re: Suggestion for new activities – ping pong & pickle ball
- Email dated 4/16/22 from Rosa Catala Re: Grill at Veteran's Park
- Email dated 4/19/22 from Commissioner Olson Re: Longer Archery Range Use

Wish Tree – No activity at this time.

Tree Lighting – No activity at this time.

Holiday Display Contest – No activity at this time.

Bowling – No activity at this time.

Women's Softball – Peggy Schneider will run the program again. Packets are due May 1.

4th of July – Nominations are being accepted for grand marshal. Voting is next month.

Rag-A-Muffin – No activity at this time.

Adult Trips/Activities – A resident suggested adding ping pong and/or pickleball as an adult activity.

Ping Pong – Sue Chak can no longer offer the program. There is a resident interested in ping pong and/or pickleball. The Board will contact him to see if he has any interest in working with the Board on adult programs. The Board was going to purchase a table for the civic center before it learned the instructor was no longer available.

Archery Clinic – The program will run April 9, 2022 – June 25, 2022 – No archery on May 28 – Memorial Day weekend. Registration fee is \$25.00. Commissioner Olson said the longer archery range will be finished soon. He emailed some rules he got from an archery consultant and some he added. He requested that they be reviewed at the meeting and the Board come up with a final set of rules. When the range is finished, he will get a sign of these rules made and posted.

Melina and Gil will go over the rules and make suggestions and then the Board will submit to Commissioner Olson so he can make up the signs. One important rule needs to be added: no drinking or smoking beforehand and/or at the range. No alcohol – no possession, consumption or under the influence.

It might help to have names for the two different areas/ranges. For example, "Training Range" for the current area and "Practice Range" for the longer area. Members thought maybe "Training Range" and just call the longer range "Range".

The range will be open for the Earth Day celebration scheduled for May 21. Members will be needed to sit at the table.

The Board will also request a porta john when archery is in session.

Basketball – The books have been checked and payments can now go out. There are some new names so Division Heads will need to provide addresses for the new people. Second-half payments to the refs/site managers will be mailed by the Clerk's Office on May 13. Checks for the scorers/timers were already mailed.

Saturday Night Hoops – The amounts due for scorers/timers/referees/site managers were turned in and checks will go out the next bill-paying cycle, which is May 13. The season went well and wrapped up fine. There were no problems.

Girls' 3/4 Travel Basketball Team – Carlos Alvarez asked if he could start up a 3/4 grade girls travel basketball team. They would like to practice together. They have a permit to use the Roosevelt gym on Mondays (6:45 – 8:15) through June 20.

Girls' 5/6 Travel Basketball Team – They will continue practicing at Lincoln School on Mondays (7-9) and Thursdays (6:30 – 8:30) through July 1, 2022. Al Ramirez is coaching this team.

Boys' 5/6 Travel Basketball Team – Deinde Otuyelu is coaching this team. They have begun their season. They have a permit to use Lincoln School gym on Fridays from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. through June 17.

Tennis – The program will run on 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. T2S program requested to use both Grant and Roosevelt from March 14th - June 17th. They will be using Lincoln School on Saturday, May 21. Fridays in the summer (July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, August 5, 12, 19, 26) is looking for a gym right now.

Big Mike League – The use of facilities form for Lincoln School gym was submitted for: September 12 - October 24 (skip Halloween) and playoffs on November 7 & November 14 on Mondays 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. This will be a co-ed 3 on 3 basketball league for those over 25. It would run from mid-September to before Recreation basketball starts. Howie would like to have teams of six and is looking for eight teams. The cost would be \$75.00 per person and then for the first year, \$10-\$15 of that would be a donation to the family of Mike O'Neill. Howie will work on the registration form, which should be distributed in May/June.

Easter Egg Hunt – Despite less volunteers since the Ambulance Corps was unavailable, the hunt went off well. Kevin Coyle was able to bring the Easter Bunny. Pictures with the Easter Bunny went well. One division had very few kids because they participated in the wrong division (division one without parents). In the end, the day went well and Diane thanked the members for taking care of a big task with not much help.

Treasurer's Report – The beginning balance as of 2/28/22 was \$24,551.60. Deposits made \$849.66 (reimbursement for Zoom account, Saturday Night Hoops Registration, payments for hockey tickets) as well as interest paid in the amount of \$6.69. There were expenses paid in the amount of \$2,305.51 (Easter egg hunt supplies, clinic pizza party) leaving a statement balance of \$23,375.75 as of 3/31/22. A motion was made by Gil Bell and seconded by Mike Ruiz to accept the Treasurer's Report. All were in favor of the motion.

Old Business: None at this time.

New Business: Commissioner Olson spoke with the Board about stipends issued to private organizations. Since the Board of Recreation is in charge of recreational activities for the Village, he would like input on how to fairly distribute

stipends to different activities. The Board had a discussion on stipends and were asked to put their thoughts together and email them to the secretary.

Melinda Lugo suggested that the Board of Rec run a family pool party at the town pool. Members agreed it was a good idea.

Earth Day is scheduled for May 21, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The archery range will be open and the Board will have a table to let people see all the activities the Board provides. Next month, the Board will set up a schedule so everyone can take a shift.

Gil Bell asked if there was any possibility of getting a Rec Center to help with the lack of space to run programs as well as provide storage for the Board.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 19, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. on a motion made by Bella Wagner and seconded by Royce Morris. 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?pwd=RDZEVE9LaXFxWoxbmXJSgQVdHWZz09> Meeting ID: 716 3634 5842 Passcode: Y4rtpt