

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**BOARD OF RECREATION  
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY  
May 19, 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, Gil Bell, Mercedes Haines, Melinda Lugo, Melina Pope. Excused: Howie Jacobs, Royce Morris, Mike Ruiz, Bella Wagner.

The minutes of the April 21, 2022, meeting were approved on a motion made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Gil Bell. All were in favor of the motion.

**Correspondence:**

- Email dated 4/27/22 from Leslie Olson, Chair of Green Team Re: Buy Local Action under Sustainable Jersey encouraging support of local businesses.
- Email dated 5/1/22 from Christina Weiss Re: Swing at Veteran's Park missing and need oiling
- Email dated 5/3/22 From Rich Flynn, DPW Re: Missing Veteran's Park swing was taken down for repairs
- Memo from Tara O'Grady Re: Newsletter Deadline is May 17
- Email dated 5/6/22 From Barry Ruback Re: Summer Tennis Flyer
- Email dated 5/6/22 from Rich Flynn Re: Tennis Permit done and lights are scheduled to go off around 9:30 p.m.
- Email dated 5/6/22 from Stephanie Takach Re: Facilities Permit Lincoln School for LS Mondays Big Mike's League and also Facilities Permit for Roosevelt Girls Travel on Mondays
- Email dated 5/9/22 from Belle Glass Re: New Resident Interested in Learning about RP

**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 were due May 1.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July** – Nominations for grand marshal are: Susan and George Fosdick, Thomas J. Leonard, Sr., Joe Storer and Elvira Bebe Rhofls. Voting is next Monday.

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

**Adult Trips/Activities** – A resident suggested adding ping pong and/or pickleball as an adult activity and was invited to attend tonight's meeting. He was unable to attend tonight.

**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 of anything.

The two ranges will be called: "Training Range" for the current area and "Practice Range" for the longer area. Access will need to be granted for use of the Practice Range. Another important rule to add is only those qualified to be on the archery range are permitted on the range. No unauthorized people on the range.

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

**Basketball** – Checks were mailed out on May 11. Early bird registration will be sent to the schools and included in the next newsletter. 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. Evaluations will be scheduled for: November 1 and 2. Melinda Lugo recommends 3 v 3 game-style evaluations for the boys 7/8 division similar to what is done for Saturday Night Hoops.

**Saturday Night Hoops** – No activity at this time.

**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 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. Summer session will run Thursdays, June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28. Adult session will be held 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Cost is \$85.00. Residents may contact Barry Ruback at [barrys10s@gmail.com](mailto:barrys10s@gmail.com) or 201-568-3946 with any questions.

**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. The summer camp will be run at Veteran's Park and he already has the courts reserved. June 27 – August 5.

**Big Mike League** – The use of facilities form for Lincoln School gym was received for: September 12 - October 24 (skip Halloween) and playoffs on November 7 & November 14 on Mondays 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. This is a new adult activity named in honor of Mike O'Neill who was a pillar of this community and spent many years on the sidelines and fields of RP giving of his time to coach his children as well as many others.

**Eligibility:** Men and women 25 years and older / Must be a Ridgefield Park or Little Ferry resident

**Game Nights:** Mondays @ Lincoln School gym

**Game Times:** 6:30 / approximately 7:15 / approximately 8:00 and approximately 8:45pm [8 team league]

**Game Structure:** Each game will be 4 quarters, 8 minutes in length.

**Regular Season Dates:** September 12, 19, 26 October 3, 10, 17 and 24. **Playoff Dates:** November 7 and 14

**Roster Size: 5-7 Players** – We encourage each team to have at least one woman participating.

**Cost: \$350 Per Team** – Payment to be made via check made out to Board of Recreation. This can be mailed to 234 Main Street, Ridgefield Park or dropped off at Town Hall at same address. Payment due no later than Monday, August 29.

**The first 8 teams to sign up will be the participants for our inaugural season.**

If the team would like to make a donation to help out the O'Neill family the Board would see fit to make sure it is delivered to Mary and her children. Any such donation can simply be an add on to the team fee payment.

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

**Treasurer's Report** – The beginning balance as of 4/1/22 was \$23,375.75. Total expenses as of 4/30/22 \$2,407.88 (scorers/timers/travel bball). Total deposits \$8.16 interest. Net available balance 4/30/22 \$20,687.87. Total outstanding (uncleared checks) \$1,485.00. A motion was made by Melina Pope and seconded by Melinda Lugo to accept the Treasurer's Report. All were in favor of the motion. The Board will ask Jana Carratu if she can assist in getting access to mobile banking for the Treasurer.

**Old 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. Members should put their thoughts together and send them to the secretary so a draft can be made to be reviewed by all members.

**New Business:** Melinda Lugo suggested that the Board of Rec run a family pool party at the town pool. Members agreed it was a good idea. She will look into a family night and maybe an adult only night. She would like to see kids that don't have the funds to belong to the pool get an opportunity to use it.

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

Barbara Steiner said she would take the open position for the Board of Recreation. Her name will be suggested to Commissioner Olson to fill the vacancy.

Howie Jacobs sent in some suggestions for members to think about. He wondered if the Board would consider doing something similar to the holiday wish tree as the school year kicks off along the lines of school supplies/school clothes. He'd like members to think about it so it can be discussed at the June meeting. Diane said the RP Moms do something like this and maybe the Board could work with them rather than duplicate it.

He was also thinking in lieu of a gift card for a bicycle this year perhaps we consider giving away a summer camp opportunity or two at the Christmas celebration. Perhaps that might be a good draw to get some more families to come out while also helping to promote the town's summer camp at the same time.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 16, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m. on a motion made by Gil Bell and seconded by Hal Bomzer. All were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

*Barbara DeLuca*

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cc: Commissioner Mark Olson

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