

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
May 20, 2021**

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, Gil Bell, Howie Jacobs, Melinda Lugo, Melina Pope. Excused: Hal Bomzer, Jimmy Coloma, Scott Garris, Mercedes Haines, Kaitlyn Maglione, Mike Ruiz, Bella Wagner.

Sue Chak was present to view the space and see if the ping pong program could be restarted.

The minutes of the April 15, 2021, meeting were approved on a motion made by Howie Jacobs and seconded by Gil Bell. All were in favor of the motion.

New members Melinda Lugo and Melina Pope were welcomed. A short description of each program was given to the new members.

Correspondence:

- Email dated 4/23/21 from Joyce Jaworowski Re: Memorial Sign for Jack Fossimo at Softball Field
- Email from Tara O'Grady Re: Financial Disclosure Statements for 2021 due June 30, 2021
- Email from Tara O'Grady Re: Spring Newsletter due by 6/1/21

Bowling – No activity at this time.

Women's Softball – Peggy Schneider is running the program. Shirts came in. The season started in April. Diane Maglione purchased three dozen softballs for the program costing \$159.91 and paid for the first half of the season (12 games) costing \$744 and paid the membership fees with the umpire association for the teams at a cost of \$220.

4th of July – One nomination for Grand Marshal was received so far, Gerard Garofalow. No word on how parade will look yet. There will be fireworks according to Rotary Club, who is paying for them. Mercedes is not sure how that will look and about security. Details are not finalized yet; the Commissioners to make final decisions.

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

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 – No activity at this time but Rec will be speaking with the Commissioner about future programs it would like to see added. He would like to see trips started once more things are opened.

Basketball – Hal Bomzer was unable to attend the meeting but sent in his report. Plans are to proceed with the program in the fall when, hopefully, things are opened up. Early bird registration will take place. Use of facilities forms will be sent to the schools. Registration dates at the civic center are: Friday, September 24 6-8 pm and Saturday, September 25 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Evaluations will be held at Lincoln School on 11/1 3/4 & 5/6 boys 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. and 11/3 All girls 6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.; 7/8 Boys 7:15 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. The new position of Site Manager was explained briefly to the new members. This position should help ease the minds of division heads and spectators. The program will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

Saturday Night Hoops – The use of facilities form will be sent to the schools. Howie Jacobs said he would like to set up the program with six teams provided there are enough volunteers and Rec is permitted in the schools this year.

Girls' 5/6 Travel Basketball Team – The team was selected and \$100 fee collected from the girls that made the team. Uniforms were ordered and they should begin playing soon. Coach Lax may want to do clinics with the girls that did not make the team to keep the skills getting better.

Tennis – Permits for use of Fellowship Park tennis courts are in. Clinic is held on Saturdays 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.: Session 2 followed when Session 1 completed. Fee is \$80.00

T2S Basketball – The program is continuing under Larry Umana and Nate Lopez. Permits are in for their use of Veteran's Park. Summer Clinic will run from June 28 – August 6 (9AM – 1PM). Cost is \$175 week, \$150 for multiple weeks. Larry and Nate have been discussing possible plans for the summer but have no finalized anything yet.

Easter Egg Hunt – The Board spent \$1,266.53 (shopping at Costco & BJ's to take advantage of lower prices). The town only reimbursed the Board \$1,216.72 because the CFO said that the Village does not pay tax and the Board will not be reimbursed for the tax. It was suggested that the Board purchase a membership to Costco and/or BJs so that it can register as a tax-exempt organization.

Archery Clinic – Attendance was very light this past week but was probably due to the first weekend of nice weather. Gil Bell said he repaired bows, waxed strings, repaired arrows. He is ordering a new set of 200 targets and that should be enough to finish this session. The vendor will accept a PO. The program was a big hit at the Earth Day Celebration. A reminder will be sent to all participants that the program is still on. There are plans to eventually lengthen the range for the more experienced participants. The goal is to form a club that would be eligible for grants and able to hold tournaments. Gil is going to reach out to the scouts to see if they would like to be involved in the program.

Treasurer's Report – The starting balance was \$17,344.50 with \$.72 in interest leaving an ending balance as of April 30, 2021, of \$17,185.31. Fees were received for the softball program and travel basketball, which will be included in next month's report. A motion was made by Gil Bell and seconded by Howie Jacobs to accept the Treasurer's Report. All were in favor of the motion.

Old Business:

Commissioner Olson wants the Board of Rec to schedule a meeting with all the town sports' heads so he can learn how many participants are from RP and what funding is already available to these organizations so he can come up with a figure that is fair for everyone.

Members need to view the two 15-minute videos by June 1st per the Village insurance carrier. Please send copies of the certificate that you viewed the videos to the secretary. The email was resent to members to make sure they had the link.

New Business:

After receiving a request from a resident, the BOC plans to set some time aside at the Brewster Street Park to be used as a roller rink. There will also be time set aside to use the area as basketball courts.

Sue Chak, former instructor of the Board's ping pong program, attended the meeting to view the space available to restart the program. Sue said the program could take place in the Civic Center. She would like 2-3 weekdays from 6:00p.m. – 8:00 p.m. for a youth program. She also requested 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Saturday or Sunday to start an adult program (at a minimal cost). The Board will put in a request for those times. Sue said she would just need someone to set up and put the table away. Sue said her program is already underway so she thinks it would be best to start the program in September. The Board will be in touch with her to update an old form and be ready for a September startup date.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 17, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. on a motion made by Gil Bell 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=RDZEVE9LaXFxeWoxbmJJSgQVdHwZz09)
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