

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2013, at 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
OCTOBER 17, 2013**

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 on the 28th day of December, 2012, and sent to the Star-Ledger on the 28th day of December, 2012. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Diane Maglione, Hal Bomzer, Lloyd Domke, Tom Essig, Mercedes Haines, Mary Koegel, Angie Rivera and Tom Strowbridge. Scott Garriss and Kaitlyn Maglione were excused. Mike Ruiz was absent.

The minutes of the June 20, 2013, and September 19, 2013, meetings were approved.

Correspondence: email from Ashleigh Eggington of USA Sport Group with information on camps they run; email from Louis Recchia looking for a baseball bag that his son left at the Little League field (email was forwarded to DPW, high school and Baseball Organization); Matt Kramer from Basetti Photo called to inquire about basketball pictures and said he would send an email with his info.

Hearing of Citizens: None Present

Activity reports were as follows:

Bowling – Nothing to report.

Wrestling – Registration will take place at the Ridgefield Park Jr/Sr High School Auxiliary Gym on November 6th and 13th. First practice will be December 2nd at 6:30 p.m. Uly Encarnacion sent over his flyer that will be copied and sent to Ridgefield Park, Little Ferry and Bogota students. Uly noted on the flyer that practices are now closed and only wrestlers will be allowed to enter practices. Parents are permitted to wait in Auditorium B while practice is going on. Uly was informed of the November 21 date for the certification clinic. He will need a Board of Rec member for the registration dates.

Girls' Softball - No activity at this time.

Women's Softball – The season went very smoothly. Peggy Schneider did a great job keeping the schedule going and arranging make-ups. The end of the year party was held. Peggy got the trophies for the winning teams. Frank still needs to turn in the keys he has for lights, etc. Lloyd Domke said the Board needs to get the safety bases for next year. He also said the women's teams need to be reminded that helping to maintain the field after their games is also for their safety and only takes 10 minutes to rake. He also said that teams should also be reminded how to properly lock the new lock box. There were several times that he found it unlocked during the season. Diane Maglione said the DPW was very cooperative in taking care of the field.

Fourth of July – No activity at this time. Their first meeting is at the end of the month.

Easter Egg Hunt – No activity at this time.

Holiday Display Contest – Funds have been encumbered under PO#10946 in the amount of \$1,500.00. The contest will take place on Friday, December 20, 2013. Mary Koegel has to select prizes for the contest. There are still two plates (snowflake and Santa Bear) that could possibly be used for the prize.

Wish Tree – No activity at this time. Kathy Tobin will contact Kaitlyn Maglione with the list, which is usually ready right after Thanksgiving. Gifts should be returned by December 13.

Tree Lighting – Funds were encumbered under PO#10944 in the amount of \$1,000.00. Mercedes Haines has the following in place: Father Larry from St. Francis will say the prayer. Singers: Rosa Martinez and her mom Courtney (Mother and daughter Christmas song) and another student from the high school. Girl and boy scouts have confirmed. Bike raffle has been confirmed with Don Ingwersen. Mercedes confirmed Slurpees with 7-11's new manager. Diane will let Mayor and Commissioners know as well as the police. Mercedes will speak with Santa. Sound System has been secured and invoice received. The program should be about 25 minutes.

Mercedes has been contacted by Janine Lavallo from the scouts several times. Mercedes informed her that there should be only three adults with the scouts. The only foreseen problem is the tree itself, which appears dead. Commissioner Anlian was supposed to be checking the condition of the tree.

Rag-A-Muffin – Funds were encumbered under PO #10943 in the amount of \$1,500.00. The parade will take place on Saturday, October 26, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. All participants should meet at the corner of Euclid Avenue and Hobart Street, no later than 10:30 a.m. The rain date will be Sunday, October 27, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. Candy is ready for the parade. Scott Garris has the trophies and they are ready for the parade. Flyers went out in the schools. The high school was asked for community service students. Diane Maglione suggested that Celeste Farrell also be contacted to see if any CCD students are looking for community service hours. A memo was sent to the DPW and the Police Dept. Snacks will be provided for the members and DPW.

Adult Trips/Activities – Vanessa Diaz was notified that she can use the Civic Center for zumba classes. She also must contact GJEM Insurance before starting classes. The Board has not heard back from her. Angie Rivera will look into possible activities for the Board to sponsor. Several emails have come in and Angie will see if they are worthwhile.

Adult Craft Classes – No activities at this time.

Basketball – All the Division Heads are back and Angie Rivera will take over 3/4/5 Girls. Scott Garris will run the clinic. Tom Strowbridge will run the 6/7/8 Girls. Jimmy Coloma will run 3/4 boys. Chris Charas will run 5/6/ boys. Matt Lewandowski will run 7/8 boys. The only major change this year is that the clinic will take place at Roosevelt School. This will allow the program to start earlier and make it easier for Scott Garris to referee games at Roosevelt as well as run the clinic since he will already be there. There is also more room for the parents with the new room at Roosevelt. 3/4 boys will still take place at Grant School. There will be probably three games there weekly.

Clinic will start on December 7 and end on March 8. A meeting is scheduled with the parents on December 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the Roosevelt School Gym.

Evaluations are scheduled at Lincoln School for November 4 at 7:00 p.m. for 3/4 boys and 5/6/ boys. Members should arrive at 6:30 p.m. and on November 6 at 6:30 p.m. for all girls and at 7:30 p.m. for 7/8 Boys. Members should meet at 6:00 p.m. on November 6.

There is a meeting scheduled with the scorers/timers on December 4 at 7:00 p.m. at Lincoln and a coaches/referee's meeting to follow at 7:30 p.m.

The certification clinic is scheduled for November 21 at Lincoln School library. Registration is at 6:15 p.m. and the clinic begins exactly at 6:30 p.m. Deadline to register for clinic will be November 15.

A third reminder was sent out to unregistered players as there are still approximately 100 yet to register. Registration closes on October 25.

Diane is still looking into details on the background checks. She was told to contact Det. Sgt. Sgroi who received training about background checks. Diane will ask him to attend a Board of Recreation meeting.

Information was received about pictures for the basketball program. Three quotes were received and reviewed by the Board. A motion was made by Mercedes Haines and seconded by Tom Strowbridge to

permit Sports Photo Products to offer photography packages to interested basketball players. All were in favor of this motion with the exception of Hal Bomzer, who abstained.

Tennis – Barry Ruback (568-3946) runs this program, which is taught by All Pro Tennis Staff. There will be no permit charge to the Board of Recreation next year for use of the tennis courts.

Treasurer's Report - Beginning balance as of September 2013 was \$30,878.77, total deposits for month were \$2,970.00, total expenses for month were \$5,287.50, leaving a balance of \$28,498.27. A detailed report is attached. A motion was made by Lloyd Domke and seconded by Tom Strowbridge approving the Treasurer's Report. All were in favor of this motion.

Tom Essig also noted that there must have been an inadvertent error on vouchers paid from the Board of Recreation account. Last year the Board was advised that stipends to the private organizations would be \$1,000.00 each. It appears that RPSA received their \$1,000.00 stipend but there are two \$1,500.00 checks that were made payable to the Football Organization. The football organization should have received only \$1,000.00 and the cheerleaders should have also received only \$1,000.00. The Board of Recreation advised Commissioner MacNeill of this fact so that he could check into it. The Board did not encumber these funds for the organizations.

New Business – A motion was made by Mercedes Haines and seconded by Hal Bomzer to send a gift card to Gil Bell. All were in favor of this motion.

Elections were held:

Diane Maglione was nominated for President by Mercedes Haines and seconded by Hal Bomzer. All were in favor of this motion.

Mary Koegel was nominated as Vice President by Mercedes Haines and seconded by Angie Rivera. All were in favor of this motion.

Tom Essig was nominated as Treasurer by Mercedes Haines and seconded by Tom Strowbridge. All were in favor of this motion.

Old Business – The Board is still looking into background checks for volunteer coaches.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 21, 2013. (Angie Rivera will be assisting at the Certification Clinic on November 21.)

There being no further business, a motion was made by Angie Rivera and seconded by Mary Koegel to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Adam MacNeill