

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2012, at 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
JUNE 21, 2012**

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 on the 30th day of December, 2011, and sent to the Star-Ledger on the 28th day of December, 2011. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Hal Bomzer, Lloyd Domke, Tom Essig, Scott Garris, Mercedes Haines, Mary Koegel, Diane Maglione, Mike Ruiz, Tom Strowbridge and Frank Zaccherio. Kaitlyn Maglione was also present. Gil Bell and Leigh Rivera were excused.

The minutes of the April 19, 2012, and May 17, 2012, meetings were approved.

Correspondence: A card was received from Mary Koegel thanking the Board for their expression of sympathy. The minutes of the June 12, 2012, Safety Meeting were received from Fran Orovitz.

Hearing of Citizens: Uly Encarnacion was present to give a report on the wrestling program.

Activity reports were as follows:

Bowling – Nothing to report. No one has seen any forms for the program.

Wrestling – Uly Encarnacion turned in certificates of completion for the concussion course for the coaches in his program. These will be forwarded to Fran Orovitz. He also gave a final report for the wrestling program for this year (copies attached). The program began on November 28, 2011, and concluded with the regional wrestling tournament at Hackensack High School on February 26, 2012. Forty-seven wrestlers signed up for the season and 43 wrestlers remained with the program until the end. The team participated in two tournaments, one at North Bergen High School and another at the Fort Lee Community Center. Some concerns for the next season were trying to get more parents involved whether it is at home meets or getting coaching cards so more of them are on the mat assisting. All singlets were returned and he will take an inventory to see how many need to be replaced.

There was one incident at practice that took place on January 30, 2012. Coach Encarnacion spoke with the parents and explained how this will be prevented in the future.

On February 11, 20 wrestlers took part in the North Bergen Bruins Invitational Tournament. Ten medals were earned by RP wrestlers. On February 12, 13 first or second year wrestlers took part in the Fort Lee Novice Tournament. Three wrestlers earned medals. On February 19, the Junior Scarlets Wrestling Team traveled to Elmwood Park High School for the District Tournament. 19 wrestlers weighed in and participated in the tournament. Nine wrestlers placed and wrestlers that placed either first or second moved onto the regional tournament at Hackensack High School on February 26.

Coach Encarnacion explained that at the start of the season they try to explain to parents that the purpose of the program is to include everyone. The intent of the program is not to be an individual coach to any one participant. Each coach has between 6-8 wrestlers in their group. They all do the same thing at the same time and it seems to work better this way. There was a problem last year with EMT personnel not being present at meets. The Board will ask Commissioner MacNeill to please make sure emergency personnel are available at meets.

Girls' Softball - Funds were encumbered under PO #11387. Lloyd Domke turned in the final bills for the program. He reported that the girls seemed to enjoy themselves. The weather could have been better but Lloyd said he purposely made the early part of the season packed with games in case the weather was not cooperative. Not all games were able to be made up but the teams were able to play a majority of the scheduled season.

Diane Maglione advised that at the safety meeting everyone was informed that lightning rods would be installed at the fields. There will be a signal when the fields must be evacuated.

Women's Softball – Frank Zaccherio advised that there are a lot of rain make-ups left. One team sent an email to Diane Maglione that there was some miscommunication regarding the men's team using the field for a doubleheader. An email will be sent to all teams that the deadline to make up games will be July 15. If necessary, because enough games are not made up, the point system will be used otherwise the teams making the playoffs will be selected on July 15. Playoffs will start on July 16. Teams will be instructed to contact the Board in writing if this is a problem.

Fourth of July – Joseph Mahoney was selected as grand marshal.

Easter Egg Hunt – One parent returned the empty Easter eggs her child received at the hunt.

Holiday Display Contest – No activity at this time.

Wish Tree – No activity at this time.

Tree Lighting – No activity at this time. Mercedes will work on a tighter schedule for next year and will probably limit the singing to about a half-hour.

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

Adult Trips/Activities – No activities at this time.

Adult Craft Classes – There were no registrations for the class scheduled in May.

Basketball – Forms for the clinic were handed out to the first grade classes and mailed to all players from the 2011-2012 season. Registrations will no longer be accepted at the evaluations. Registration will close on October 25. Registration is scheduled for September 28 and 29. Evaluations are scheduled for November 7 and 8. Early bird registrations have started to come in. Early bird registration closes on August 15. A note will be put in the Patriot and on the internet advising people of the new insurance requirement that all coaches must take the concussion class before they can participate. This should give everyone time to take the required 40 minute class at their convenience.

Tennis – Barry Ruback (568-3946) runs this program, which is taught by All Pro Tennis Staff. For more information call Barry Ruback at 201-568-3946 or go to www.allprotennis.net or email: barrys10s@gmail.com. Registration for the 2012 Tennis Clinic was held Thursday, May 24, 2012, from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Fellowship Park (on the corner of Euclid and Hobart). Lessons and times will be as follows: Fridays - Session 1 June 8, 15, 22, 29; Session 2 July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 10. 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. 6-8 years old; 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. 9 - 11 years old; 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. 12 years old and up; 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Adults. Fee is \$75.00 for entire 5 week session. Levels of instruction for the beginner through intermediate. One hour sessions with a small group ratio. Free use of rackets during lesson. All rain dates will be made up. Emphasis on fundamentals, footwork and fun!!

Treasurer's Report - Beginning balance as of May 2012, was \$30,295.66, total deposits for month were \$500.00, total expenses for month were \$1,214.00, leaving a balance of \$29,581.66. A detailed report is attached. A motion was made by Mike Ruiz and seconded by Frank Zaccherio approving the Treasurer's Report. All were in favor of this motion.

New Business – Elections were held and results are as follows:

Diane Maglione was nominated as President by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Mike Ruiz. No other nominations were received. Diane Maglione was unanimously elected President.

Mary Koegel was nominated as Vice President by Frank Zaccherio and seconded by Mike Ruiz. No other nominations were received. Mary Koegel was unanimously elected Vice Present.
Tom Essig was nominated as Treasurer by Frank Zaccherio and seconded by Tom Strowbridge. No other nominations were received. Tom Essig was unanimously elected Treasurer.

A suggestion was made that on months when attendance will be a problem due to program conflicts that it might be a good idea to hold a workshop in between meetings so that enough members are present to discuss matters and remain up-to-date on events. Another possible suggestion was to take informal votes via email and then formalize at the next meeting and to make sure members send updates by email when unable to attend a meeting.

The Commissioners have been having discussions on the possibility of a new recreation center located at Challenger Blvd. and the feasibility of such a project. The Board will need to speak with Commissioner MacNeill about background checks on volunteers.

Old Business – There is a new insurance requirement that all Ridgefield Park Board of Recreation coaches, referees and officials involved in sports programs need to successfully complete a program on the new Sports Concussion policy protocol. This needs to be done before anyone participates in a sports program. The link for this website with the new Sports Concussion policy protocol is www.NJMEL.org. New Jersey law is requiring that all organizations who use the Board of Education facilities comply with this program. The online training section has a link to a 40 minute free concussion training program and mini exam and at the conclusion the coach or parent will be able to print a certificate of completion.

Francine Orovitz still needs the names of all people involved in sports programs so that she can make sure she receives all certificates for the program. She also needs a list of names so that she knows which department they are from when they come in. The wrestling program has already turned in their certificates. The basketball and girls' softball programs also need to turn in a list of people that must take the course. The following coaches already took the course through soccer and their names will be given to Francine. These coaches are: Enrique Ramirez, Edwin Santiago, Humberto Jimenez, Angel Cortes, Eamonn Radburn, Mary Blake, Victor Torres, Bruce Rehrig, Ricardo Martinez, John Kowalchuk, Brook Pollard, Susan Glynn, Rudy Atkinson, John Connors. Gil Bell has forwarded his certificate to Francine already. Diane Maglione advised her that most programs do not know who the coaches are until much closer to their starting date.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 20, 2012.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Frank Zaccherio to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Adam MacNeill