

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2011, at 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
May 19, 2011**

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 29th day of December, 2010, and sent to the Star-Ledger on the 29th day of December, 2010. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Diane Maglione, Hal Bomzer, Lloyd Domke, Tom Essig and Mary Koegel were present. Rich DePena, Mercedes Haines and Mike Ruiz were excused. Gil Bell, Carlos Carames, Leigh Rivera and Frank Zaccherio were absent.

A motion was made by Tom Essig and seconded by Mary Koegel to accept the minutes of the April 21, 2011, meeting. All were in favor of this motion. A copy of the closed minutes is available for viewing to members only upon request. As a reminder, information from the closed session of the meeting must remain confidential and not distributed to the public.

Correspondence: None received.

Hearing of Citizens: None present

Activity reports were as follows:

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

Wrestling – The Board will need to meet with Uly Encarnacion prior to the start of the next season.

Girls' Softball - The season is underway and so far, everything is running smoothly.

Women's Softball – There are still some registrations coming in. Diane turned in some checks for late registrations. Christina Lizzie from the Lady Pirates (Kelly Higgins' team) wrote her check to Kelly Higgins but mailed it to the Board. Tom Essig will contact Kelly to ask for a replacement check made payable to the Board.

Frank's email is not working any longer so he has not responded to any messages. Diane is aware of one injury that was reported to GJEM. She has no further info from Frank.

Fourth of July – There are two nominations for grand marshal. Joseph Fucarino and Fred and Marsha Rosen have been nominated as grand marshal.

Easter Egg Hunt – The egg hunt went on despite the heavy rain. Since the eggs are real, they can't be stored for another week because they will go bad so a rain date can't be set. Mary Koegel said the ambulance corps. is upset because they feel they do most of the work for the egg hunt and aren't getting the recognition they deserve. They feel that Board members aren't doing enough work for the hunt. Mary said that she explained to them that only so many people can dye the eggs and there are only twelve members on the Board to start with. The Board does make up the candy bags. She feels they would like to sever the ties with the Board as far as the egg hunt goes.

Diane Maglione said that she has looked into how other towns handle the egg hunt. Some towns use plastic eggs and fill them with candy. Some towns have prize eggs. Diane does not know what the difference in cost would be. IGA donates the real eggs. If plastic eggs were used, a

rain date could be set for the egg hunt. There is no alternate place to hold the egg hunt that would accommodate the large crowd. There is no facility so the Board must make do with what it has. The Board will look into alternate ideas for an egg hunt and see if cheaper candy can be found on the internet.

Holiday Display Contest – No activity at this time.

Wish Tree – No activity at this time.

Tree Lighting – Mercedes Haines has gotten two more singers for the tree lighting. She will speak to Santa about changes in the program. She is also working on getting the elves.

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

Adult Trips/Activities – No activities at this time.

Adult Craft Classes – No activity at this time.

Basketball – The early registration form will be going out next month. The Board will be checking with the former division leaders from last year to see if they plan on returning. Hal Bomzer would like to review the clinic surveys to see who might like to join the program. Final payment was made for the program.

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.

Treasurer's Report - Beginning balance as of April 2011, was \$37,111.61, total deposits for month were \$1,162.00, total expenses for month were \$10,952.80.00, leaving a balance of \$27,320.81. A detailed report is attached. A motion was made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Mary Koegel accepting the report.

New Business – Tina Scheiss from the Building Dept. called Diane to advise of a safety meeting that the Village holds. There is a meeting scheduled for June that they would like the Board to attend. Diane asked if there was information that she needed to bring. Diane told Tina to have the person holding the meeting contact her so that she would have the proper information for the meeting. She might need to contact members for information on their program.

Lloyd Domke said he was approached by a woman who wanted to know if the Board accepted whole teams in the division. Lloyd said he told the woman to contact the Board for information. A packet can be sent to her with the necessary information on the program.

Old Business – Commissioner Poli needs to look into getting information on the offer from the Megan Kanka Foundation to do background checks on volunteer coaches. The money is offered on a limited basis until funds run out. Diane has been trying to meet with Commissioner Poli to get the process started but has not heard back from him yet.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 16, 2011.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mary Koegel and seconded by Hal Bomzer to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Hugo Poli