

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012, at 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
NOVEMBER 17, 2011**

President Diane Maglione called the meeting to order at 7:10 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, Gil Bell, Hal Bomzer, Lloyd Domke, Tom Essig, Mercedes Haines and Tom Strowbridge were present. Mary Koegel, Leigh Rivera, Mike Ruiz and Kaitlyn Maglione were excused. Carlos Carames and Frank Zaccherio were absent.

A motion was made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Mercedes Haines to accept the minutes of the October 20, 2011, meeting. All were in favor of this motion.

Correspondence: Copy of resolution appointing Tom Strowbridge to the Board of Recreation with a term expiring 4/13. Telephone call came in from Matt Kramer, he would like to take pictures as a fundraiser for the Board, however, the Board cannot raise funds.

Hearing of Citizens: None present

Activity reports were as follows:

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

Wrestling – Registration was held on November 8 and 15. Tom Essig and Mary Koegel were present at the registration to assist Uly Encarnacion. There are 34 registered players right now and Uly expects more at the first practice, which is scheduled for November 28. The parents were very receptive to the equipment that they must purchase. Uly plans on replacing 8-10 uniforms each year so that equipment is always in good condition. He is only planning two tournaments this year; none will be held in Ridgefield Park. The league fee is already paid. It was \$525.00.

Girls' Softball - No activity at this time. Lloyd Domke will get the dates he would like to use the high school gym for softball practice in the winter so the use of facility form can be sent in.

Women's Softball – Frank Zaccherio still has not been in contact with the Board to give an update. An email will be sent to all team representatives advising that since the Board has not heard from Frank, that the money set aside for a party this year will be used for the field usage fee next year and any team that does not participate next season, will receive a \$140.00 refund to be given to the team representative for distribution. As this is a question that needs to be addressed, this matter will be reassessed and a vote on whether or not to hold a party in the future will be held at the annual pre-season meeting held in January or February.

There will be some changes necessary to registration next year as per the safety meeting attended by Diane Maglione on June 15.

Fourth of July – No activity at this time.

Easter Egg Hunt – Mary Koegel has been looking into alternative ways to handle the egg hunt. She has been researching prices of candy-filled eggs. 3,600 eggs are needed for the egg hunt.

Holiday Display Contest – The contest will take place on December 23. Registrations are due

by December 20. Mary Koegel will run this activity again and if she needs help, members are available to help her. Funds have been encumbered under PO # 8830. Flyers were delivered to the schools. The ornaments are in and the plates should be delivered shortly.

Wish Tree – Kaitlyn and Diane Maglione will handle this event. Gifts need to be returned by December 16. A notice was sent in the schools to advise about the wish tree. Kaitlyn is also a member of the Welfare Board, which is working on names for the tree. The ornaments will be ready for the tree at TD Bank by Friday. Also included on the ornaments this year is the return date on the back. The Patriot is supposed to run an article this week on the wish tree.

Tree Lighting – Funds have been encumbered under PO #6521. Everyone has been contacted for tree lighting event. Mercedes Haines finally received a response from the scouts. Cathy Cole is the contact for the girl scouts. She was told she must make a definite commitment if the scouts are to participate. She said they definitely want to participate and asked how to get in touch with Sandy. Mercedes relayed this information to Cathy.

The schedule will be basically the same as last year except that the Mayor will be lighting the tree and the scouts will escort Santa to his chair to pick the bicycle raffle.

5:30 Introduction of Mayor and Commissioners
 5:35 Blessing by Father Larry
 5:40 Lighting of Tree by Mayor Fosdick
 5:45 Toys-for-Tots
 5:50 High School band and chorus
 6:15 Soloists
 6:25 Scouts
 6:30 Arrival of Santa
 6:45 Raffle

Tom Essig brought the extension cords. Mercedes will check the flood lights to make sure they work. She will bring the red chair for Santa. Mrs. Claus does not need a chair. Mercedes left a message with Irma from the ambulance corps. to see if their elves would like to participate. Mercedes will confirm schedule with Santa. Members should meet about 5:00 p.m. by the municipal building.

Rag-A-Muffin – The parade was scheduled for Saturday, October 29 with a rain date of Sunday, October 30 at 2:00 p.m. Unfortunately, there was a snowstorm on Saturday. The police department advised that the weather made conditions too dangerous to hold the parade on either Saturday or Sunday. Trees were down, power was out, sidewalks were icy, and the village's DPW and emergency services were tied up with more important things. For only the second time, the parade had to be cancelled. New plaques were ordered for the trophies so they could be used next year. The candy was sent to the military.

Adult Trips/Activities – No activities at this time.

Adult Craft Classes – No activity at this time.

Basketball – There was a division heads meeting on Tuesday, October 25 at 8:00 p.m. Coaches must be certified by December 31, 2011, or they can't continue to coach. The certification class was being held at Lincoln School tonight. There is a mandatory meeting at Lincoln School gym of scorers/timers scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on November 30 followed by a meeting at 7:45 p.m. of coaches/referees. A letter was sent to all reminding them that the meeting is mandatory.

There will be a meeting of all clinic parents on December 1 at Grant School at 7:30 p.m. Clinic will start on December 10. 6/7/8 girls will start on December 2.

Division Heads will be: 3/4/5 Girls – Gil Bell, 6/7/8 Girls – Mike Ruiz, 3/4 Boys – Chris Charas, 5/6 Boys Matt Lewandowski, 7/8 Boys Tom Strowbridge.

Hal Bomzer just sent out preliminary schedules. Once the schools give final approval of the schedules, they will be distributed. Teams are picked; shirt orders are due on Monday, November 21. Generally two coaches' shirts are given per team. It was suggested that since Lincoln School in particular is so cold that coaches could be given the choice of a sweatshirt instead of a golf shirt so that they can be easily identified. The Board had no problem with offering the choice of a golf shirt or a sweatshirt to the coaches.

Three girls in the 6/7/8 division that registered on evaluation night were sent a letter informing that they could not be placed on a team as teams were full in that division. Fee were returned to two of those girls who had paid the \$55.00. The other girl had not paid a registration fee yet.

A call came in from Jocelyn Perez because she received a letter returning her registration fee as her daughter was not able to be placed on a team. She registered on evaluation night and the teams already have 10 girls. It would be unfair to place any more girls on the team as having 11 players causes two players to only play two rotations, which is unfair to do to someone that registered on time. There is also a problem getting additional coaches this late. The parent feels that 10 girls is enough for two teams, which is incorrect since having only five girls on a team would not be safe for the players as it would not allow for any absence, injury or rest time for a player. The situation is unfortunate and the parent was reminded to register on time next year. Registrations are distributed in June, September and previous players that did not register again are again reminded. Announcements about registration are also placed on the website, the community message board and the Patriot. The Board cannot do anymore to publicize registration and all forms clearly state that any registrations received after 10/23 or at evaluations will be put on a waiting list only. Diane Maglione will speak with the parent.

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 October 2011, was \$31,177.75, total deposits for month were \$5,345.00, total expenses for month were \$1,307.73, leaving a balance of \$35,214.42. A detailed report is attached. The amount of \$1,480.00 will be put aside for the women's softball program to be used as a credit for next year's field fee.

A motion was made by Gil Bell and seconded by Tom Strowbridge, accepting the report. All were in favor of this motion.

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New Business – Tom Strowbridge was welcomed as a new member to the Board.

2012 meeting dates were set as follows:

JANUARY 19	SEPTEMBER 20
FEBRUARY 16	OCTOBER 18
MARCH 15	NOVEMBER 15
APRIL 19	DECEMBER 13 (IF NECESSARY)
MAY 17	
JUNE 21	

Old Business – The Board will speak to Commissioner Poli about doing background checks on coaches.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 19, 2012.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Gil Bell and seconded by Lloyd Domke to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Hugo Poli