

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2013, at 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

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 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: Diane Maglione, Gil Bell, Hal Bomzer, Lloyd Domke, Tom Essig, Mercedes Haines, Mary Koegel and Tom Strowbridge. Scott Garris, Leigh Rivera and Mike Ruiz were excused. Frank Zaccherio was absent.

The minutes of the October 18, 2012, meeting were approved.

Correspondence: Janine Lavalley, Service Unit Manager for Girl Scouts, sent an email apologizing for past actions of the girl scouts and advising that she understood that the Board had to use another group of children after witnessing the actions herself of previous scout leaders. She said she would be running the scouts in the future and cooperation would be better in the future if the Board decided to use the scouts again.

Hearing of Citizens: None Present.

Activity reports were as follows:

Bowling – Nothing to report.

Wrestling – The first night of the registration was the snowy night and November 14 was the second night of registration. There are currently 16 wrestlers registered. Uly Encarnacion has the forms and Tom Essig has the checks. Uly will probably get more registrations at the first practice. Tom will get in contact with Uly to get the forms and checks. Someone from the Board should be there for the first practice (November 26 6:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.) to collect the fees. The first Saturday in January is their first meet. It will be in Ridgefield Park. Diane informed Uly that the Board would work on getting the ambulance there because they need to be at the meet. The Board will pay the EMT fees for the ambulance to be present.

Girls' Softball - No activity at this time.

Women's Softball – Frank Zaccherio was not present to give a final report. The Board does not have any information on the end-of-season party or trophies. Diane Maglione has been receiving complaints because the end-of-season party was never held. Diane told a representative of the league that she could run the party. She will advise her that there \$1,300.00 available to use at the party. Bella Wagner is willing to run the party. Diane will speak with her. Changes will need to be made in leadership of the program for next year.

Fourth of July – No activity at this time.

Easter Egg Hunt – No activity at this time.

Holiday Display Contest – Mary Koegel is looking into the prizes. The contest will be held on December 21 and registrations are due by December 20. Flyers will go out in the schools in December. Mary said that she would like to just give out the five larger prizes this year otherwise everyone that enters will receive a prize. She will not be awarding the ornaments this year as the amount of entrants is decreasing.

Wish Tree – A flyer will go out in the schools in November. Gifts need to be returned to TD Bank by December 14. Kaitlyn Maglione will get the names from Kathy Tobin from the Welfare Dept. The bank does not know if they will have a tree this year but they will accept the ornaments.

Tree Lighting – The tree lighting is scheduled for December 2 starting at 5:30 p.m. Mercedes Haines has made some changes to the program for this year. It should be much shorter and end by 6:30 p.m. Lincoln School's chorus will perform at the tree lighting and there will be two soloists from the high school. The sound system has been ordered and the voucher submitted to the Clerk's Office. Mercedes will get in touch with Santa to finalize plans. Vorhees-Ingerwersen Funeral Home will supply the bicycle for the raffle. She will also speak to 7-11 about the slurpees. Flyers will go out in the schools the end of November. Everything is finalized.

Rag-A-Muffin – – The parade was held on Saturday, October 27, 2012. Everything went well. There were about 150 participants. Entries were as follows:

Division 1 – 34	Division 5 – 7
Division 2 – 19	Division 6 – 3
Division 3 – 13	Division 7 – 19
Division 4 – 16	

The judges' stand was located on Cedar Street facing the parade. It worked well because it forced the participants to march past the judges and keep the parade moving a little longer. There were seven community service students to carry the division signs so that helped to keep things organized.

Adult Trips/Activities – No activities at this time.

Adult Craft Classes – No activities at this time.

Basketball – Not accepting registrations at the evaluations really moved things along much faster and smoother. There was a good turnout especially since the dates had to be changed on short notice due to the storm. Having the older boys go first really made things much easier because they were gone before the girls had their evaluations. The season is about two weeks behind due to the storm. The clinic will still start on December 8 because the coaches don't need to get shirt numbers ready. Practices will start the Monday after Thanksgiving. There are plenty of coaches even though some divisions were initially struggling. There are some coaches that came in that don't even have children participating. . The certification class will be held on Thursday, November 29, 2012, in the library at Lincoln School. Registration will be held at 6:15 p.m. and the class will run from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. All coaches know they must turn in proof of having taken the concussion class before they can coach. All coaches must also be certified by December 31, 2012, in order to coach this season.

7/8 boys will be playing Hackensack. 5/6 boys still have to decide if they want to play against Hackensack. It worked out great last year. 3/4/5 girls might be playing against Maywood but that has not been finalized yet. Maywood would pay for half the referee costs if arrangements work out.

Tennis – Barry Ruback (568-3946) runs this program, which is taught by All Pro Tennis Staff.

Treasurer's Report - Beginning balance as of October 2012, was \$32,886.47 total deposits for month were \$4,780, total expenses for month were \$109.00, leaving a balance of \$37,557.47. A detailed report is attached. There is \$1,300.00 available for the end-of-season party for the women's softball program. There were two returned checks. A letter will be sent requesting a new check.

A motion was made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Mercedes Haines approving the Treasurer's Report. All were in favor of this motion.

New Business – Meeting dates for 2013 will be as follows:

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

Old Business – Note for Commissioner MacNeill: The Board needs the town to come up with a background check company for ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS. We need the proper paperwork that allows us to conduct a criminal background check "now and any time in the future" while you are volunteering for the Board of Recreation. Of course this paperwork is confidential and would have to be kept in a locked file cabinet and should only be accessed by a person in authority. The Board will ask Commissioner MacNeill for the status of the background checks as the basketball program is starting and involves a large amount of Village children. The Board is not asking for the costlier fingerprint check but the simpler background check to make sure the children are safe. This issue needs to be addressed ASAP.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 17, 2013.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Lloyd Domke and seconded by Tom Strowbridge to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Adam MacNeill