

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.**

**BOARD OF RECREATION  
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY  
September 15, 2016**

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 and sent to the Star Ledger on the 31st<sup>th</sup> day of December 2015. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Diane Maglione, Lloyd Domke, Hal Bomzer, Mercedes Haines, Kaitlyn Maglione, Mike Ruiz and Tom Strowbridge. Gil Bell, Jimmy Coloma, Scott Garris and David Urbay were excused. Rodney Craft was absent.

The minutes of the June 16, 2016, meeting was approved by a motion made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Kaitlyn Maglione.

**Correspondence:** 1) letter from Rutgers advising that the cost for the certification clinic will increase to \$35.00 per person as of January 2017 2) copy of notice of intent to file lawsuit regarding Overpeck County Park (Village attorney already has copy)

**Hearing of Citizens:** Ernie Gomez, a new resident, was present to learn of activities for his child.

**Bowling** – Nothing to report.

**Wrestling** – Uly Encarnacion advised that this year the program will be for ages 6 - 14 or grades 1- 8. Registration will take place at the Ridgefield Park Jr/Sr High School Auxiliary Gym on October 17 & October 24 from 6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. Looks like 7/8 is going to need to be run the same as basketball. The kids are no longer covered under school insurance. They must register and pay like the other players. He cut out kindergarteners from the program. He said he will only allow a kindergartener to participate if their parent is coaching and present. He is going to send a link that will be used for better parent communication like is done in the schools. He will probably begin practice after the teachers' convention. Uly said he would contact Lloyd Domke before registration. Coaches will have to undergo a background check as well as take the Rutgers certification class and concussion class in order to coach.

**Girls' Softball** – Lloyd Domke has spoken to Coach Mike Luterzo and hopes to be able to work out the details to run an "all-star" 7/8 softball school team since it was cut from the school's program due to the budget deficit. Lloyd will reach out to the school at a later date.

**Women's Softball** – Peggy Schneider ran the program with relatively few problems until a team called to advise that during one of the playoff games the lights went out at a critical point in the game. The losing team was coming back and the lights went out promptly at 10:00 p.m. Diane spoke to Commissioner MacNeill about the lights being on for other activities but going off exactly at 10:00 p.m. for the women's games. He said he would have it adjusted to 10:30 p.m. for the playoffs.

Diane advised Peggy to complete that game and the losing team ended up winning, which did not sit well with the opposing team. When asked by the losing team why this wasn't done earlier, Diane told them she didn't request the lights stay on longer earlier because she didn't know it was an option. This is a recreational league and she wanted to keep it as such while making it fair to all teams. The playoffs ended on time and trophies were awarded. There is still one team that needs to submit a new check for the one that was returned by the bank.

**Fourth of July** – No activity at this time.

**Easter Egg Hunt** – No activity at this time.

**Holiday Display Contest** – The 12 ornaments were ordered for the runner-up prizes. This year the prize

will be an embroidered blanket for the winners. The Board will order six blankets. Lloyd Domke will check on using the bus again for judging. The contest will be held on Friday, December 23 this year. Diane will get a card for the camera so pictures can be taken of all the winners.

**Wish Tree** – No activity at this time. Kaitlyn Maglione will not be available for any day time activities or coordination with the Welfare Dept. Barbara DeLuca can pass along messages during day time hours.

**Tree Lighting** – Mercedes Haines will have three characters and a cotton candy cart at the tree lighting. She has asked Grant School if they would like their chorus to perform. She will speak with Santa. The sound system has been ordered and the signed voucher has already been submitted for payment. Mercedes will get the two prize baskets for runner-up prizes. She has already confirmed the Slurpees with 7-11.

**Rag-A-Muffin** – The flyer is already up on the website and will be distributed electronically through the schools. This year there will be two popcorn carts and one cotton candy as well as a DJ for three hours. They will be at the parade from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. The trophies are in and Scott Garris has them. The candy will be ready for the parade. Members will meet at 9:00 a.m. on October 29 for the parade.

**Adult Trips/Activities** – No activity at this time.

**Ping Pong** – This program is on hold due to the Civic Center being currently unavailable.

**Basketball** – Registration is scheduled for Friday, September 23 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 24 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the DARE Room. Members to assist are as follows: Friday – Mike Ruiz and Mercedes Haines; Saturday – Lloyd Domke and Gil Bell.

Hal Bomzer and David Urbay spoke to Mike Raimondi, Athletic Director, to work out details for the Board sponsoring 7/8 travel teams for boys and girls as the school will no longer offer them due to the budget deficit.

The Board of Recreation will be responsible for: securing head coaches for both boy's and girl's teams; conducting tryouts; getting permits for practices and games based on dates Mike Raimondi supplies for each; charging and collecting \$40.00 registration fee for players selected for the teams; providing necessary insurance for players; pay referees (\$55.00 per game); pay clock operators (\$25.00 per game); pay \$50 for site supervisor if necessary at home games; pay for transportation (\$60.00 per game date) for all road games.

Mike Raimondi, the Athletic Director, would be responsible for: setting the schedule with the league; assigning referees (Hal will do as many as his schedule allows); scheduling buses and providing uniforms.

David Urbay will coach the boy's team. He will also find a coach for the 7/8 girls' team. The tryouts will be held the same as normally done for a traveling team. Hal and David will check with Mike Raimondi to see when they want to have tryouts and practice, etc. Registration fee for the school team will be \$40.00 per person.

A motion was made by Tom Strowbridge and seconded by Hal Bomzer that a stipend be given to the coaches running the 7/8 school travel team due to the many hours necessary to run this program. All were in favor of this motion.

Anyone coaching a team must submit to a background check as well as take the Rutgers certification class and online concussion course. The Board needs to send Francine Orovitz from the Safety Office a list of all coaches that have completed the online concussion course and Rutgers course.

**Tennis** – Barry Ruback (568-3946) runs this program, which is taught by All Pro Tennis Staff. Registration was scheduled for Saturday, September 17, 2016, at Fellowship Park at the first lesson. Lessons will take place on Saturdays. Lessons will be: September 17, 24, October 1, 8 and 15..

Lessons are for ages 6 - adults. Fee is \$75.00.

**T2S Basketball** – Larry Umana and Nathan Lopez are running a basketball specific performance enhancement training program to students in grades 3-12 sponsored by the Board. Larry is interested in running a free clinic for the coaches this season.

**Summer Fitness Camp** – Rodney Craft was absent so he could not give a report on this activity. The Board needs the paperwork from Rodney as well as the report on how this activity ran.

**Competition Cheer Team** – Registration was held for a competition cheer team for Ridgefield Park and Little Ferry children in Grades 2-6 (as of Sept.). Cost is \$250 (not including tumbling or uniform cost). Registration cost is broken down into 3 payments of \$50 at registration with 2 additional payments of \$100 each due Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> and Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. Thirteen RP girls registered for the program. The Board has bought the mats for the program and the girls have already taken the choreography class.

The Board had heard some negative backlash for sponsoring this new program. Sammy Aguilar of Little Ferry PAL received information from Diane Maglione to clear up some misinformation he was given. Now that he is clear on the Board's involvement and intent with the program, Sammy and Diane intend to meet to discuss a more amicable working relationship within the programs.

**Treasurer's Report** - Beginning balance as of June, 2016 was \$19,511.85 total deposits for summer months were \$6,130.00 total expenses for summer months were \$10,612.00, leaving a balance of \$15,029.43. A detailed report is in the file. There was one returned sponsor check from the softball program. The team was contacted to request a new check in the amount of \$512.00, which has not been received. A motion was made by Tom Strowbridge and seconded by Mercedes Haines to approve the Treasurer's report. All were in favor of this motion.

**Old Business** – 1) Background checks are up and running. The process is simple and was used on the first activity, Competition Cheering.

**New Business:** Information was received from Rachel Maddock, a K-12 drama teacher, asking the Board to sponsor a creative drama and acting classes for children and teens. Rachel sent in information on the program that seems very promising but the Board is not sure it will be able to find a location to hold the program. The Board emailed Supt. Koenig to see if the schools might have any space. Rachel is contacting some local halls such as the K of C and Elks to see if it would be possible to hold the workshop at those locations. She is interested in running the classes on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon as well as after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Sessions would run 12 weeks and be 1 hour for ages 7-12 and 1.5 hours for 13-18 years old. There would be 10-15 students per class. Cost for classes would be \$20-\$25 per class.

A motion was made by Tom Strowbridge and seconded by Mike Ruiz to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 20, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

cc: Commissioner Adam MacNeill

Barbara DeLuca