

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
January 19, 2017**

President Diane Maglione called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 as well as posted on the Village bulletin board. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Diane Maglione, Lloyd Domke, Gil Bell, Hal Bomzer, Kaitlyn Maglione and Tom Strowbridge. Excused: Jimmy Coloma, Rodney Craft, Scott Garris, Mercedes Haines, Mike Ruiz and David Urbay. Fausta Vargas and Kellie Nagle were also present.

The minutes of the November 17, 2016, meeting was approved by a motion made by Lloyd Domke and seconded by Gil Bell. All were in favor of this motion.

Correspondence: 1) copy of letter from RP Board of Education, Michael D. Steinmetz, Board Secretary/Board Administrator to Larry Umana enclosing invoice for use of facilities. 2) nomination form from the July 4th Citizens Committee for grand marshal.

Hearing of Citizens:

Bowling – Nothing to report.

Wrestling – Dan Reeves is the new Chairman of the program. Registration fees received for this program total \$2,025.00 and expenses so far are \$5,036.88. Tournament entry fees will also be added to the list of expenses. The registration fee will need to be raised next year as \$40.00 is not covering expenses at all. There has been one returned check. A letter will be sent requesting a new check.

Dan Reeves had asked if they could purchase a cover-up for the wrestlers so they looked a bit more uniform. The shirts and warm-ups cost \$4,979.88. The Board did not expect this much of an expense.

At this time, the Board went into a short closed session to discuss personnel matters.

Girls' Softball – Lloyd Domke said he was asked by a parent if there would be a Recreation team this year. She was not happy with last year's softball team that her daughter was on and was hoping to put her on the Recreation team. Lloyd advised her that as long as enough girls register there will be a team. He has not met with Mr. Raimondi yet. He hopes to be able to run the school team similar to the way basketball is running the teams for the Board of Education. Lloyd will not be able to coach a team.

Women's Softball – Packets will go out to all teams shortly. They are due to be returned by March 31. Teams may have a sponsor as long as the check is in before the season starts. Teams will not be permitted to participate until they have submitted a complete packet, including the registration fee.

Fourth of July – Nominations are being accepted for grand marshal.

Easter Egg Hunt – No activity at this time.

Holiday Display Contest – The contest went well. The Board of Education again allowed the Board of Recreation to use a bus for judging. The judging was difficult since all the houses were decorated very nice. The grand prize winner was sick and a neighbor picked up the prize for him. The neighbor said it was nice to see young people having fun with the contest, which caused it to spread throughout their neighborhood. Prizes that were not picked up at the December 27 meeting were dropped off to the winners.

Wish Tree – The wish tree was held in Oritani Savings Bank this year. The Welfare Department handled everything. Diane Maglione will speak to them to see if they want to continue in this manner.

Tree Lighting – Everything went well at the tree lighting for the most part. The scouts still seem a bit disorganized. Winners of the three prizes were: Rylie Nagle, Kayleigh Brown and Arianna Cruz. Olivia Wilson and Tim Concepcion were the soloists.

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

Adult Trips/Activities – No activity at this time.

Ping Pong – This program is on hold due to the Civic Center being currently unavailable. Commissioner MacNeill said the mold has been taken care of in the fireplace room and he would like to make it the Board of Recreation's office in the future.

Basketball – Hal Bomzer advised that everything is going pretty well. The 7/8 grade schools teams have been a lot of work. Lloyd Domke said one parent complained that registration forms were not distributed to everyone. The Board had asked the school to distribute the forms. Since not everyone received the forms, a student did try to distribute forms to some students as well.

The girls' team is coached by Larry Umana and the boys' team is coached by Brian Cooney. Diane Maglione said she knew someone who was interested in helping out as part of their college education. Scott Garris might need help. Scorebooks are due this weekend so that vouchers can be submitted before February 1.

One player was suspended due to bad language and sportsmanship. There was a minor incident in 6/7/8 girls. One team called a time out. The other team did not think there was one. One woman is not permitted to enter the school for the next game due to poor behavior.

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

T2S Basketball – There was some confusion over the Board of Recreation using the facilities because the permit was issued in the name of Larry Umana rather than the Board of Recreation. The matter was cleared up and in the future, the permit will be issued in the name of the Board of Recreation.

Summer Fitness Camp – Rodney Craft was not present to give a report.

Competition Cheer Team – The competitions have just started. This is a learning year for everyone. Having the payments spaced out over three months did not work out and next year there will be one payment before the activity starts. Anyone who is not paid up will not be permitted to participate in the competitions. The Board advised Fausta Vargas and Kellie Nagle to make notes of things that worked and didn't work this year so they can improve the program next year.

There is one problem that was brought to the Board's attention. There is a team called RP Storm, which is the Board of Recreation team. There are two teams that were entered as Ridgefield Park Rec, which has nothing to do with the Board of Recreation. Kathy Tabasco is also advertising her fundraising as Ridgefield Park Rec, which is very misleading to the public. Diane Maglione has already notified the Board of Commissioners that Kathy Tabasco is using the name "Recreation" cheerleading. The Board of Recreation is not permitted to fundraise and people have asked why the Board is allowing cheering to fundraise but no one else. RP Storm was told to be careful how they fill out their forms and to make sure they register as Ridgefield Park Recreation – RP Storm.

The women advised the Board that Just Cheer is running a competition. RP Storm came in second in Hackensack and third in Saddle Brook. Fausta advised that registration is closed for this season and next year's registration would probably be in April. After they see who comes out, they will decide if they will have a competition team and maybe an exhibition team that does not participate in competitions.

Parents will still pay for gymnastics separately from the registration fee. Kellie will send the registration form to Diane for the next competition in Ridgefield Park.

Acting and Improvisation – Rachel Maddock is running classes for children and teens in Grades K-12. Students are introduced to the basic elements of acting through theatre games and improvisation. . Older students will also study advanced acting techniques such as sensory work, monologue work, and basic scene study. Classes will be run in 8-10 weeks sessions (depending on age) and cost from \$160 - \$250 per session.

Diane advised Rachel about the First Presbyterian Church because they might have room for her program. This is one of the things the church likes to be part of. Rachel had asked about the Board's refund policy because someone was looking for a refund. Diane explained to Rachel that once an activity starts and the Board has purchased a uniform or supplies for the participant, refunds normally are not given unless there are extenuating circumstances. If Rachel wanted to refund part of her salary, that would be her choice.

Treasurer's Report - Beginning balance as of November 1, 2016 was \$34,706.84, total deposits were \$5,185.00 total expenses were \$7,590.06, leaving a balance of \$25,094.90. A detailed report is in the file. There were deposits from basketball, wrestling, competition cheer and out-of-town guests at the certification class. A motion was made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Tom Strowbridge to approve the Treasurer's report. All were in favor of this motion.

Diane Maglione wants to suggest a new policy for all types of registrations. The Board of Recreation will need to be present for any type of registration that is held and will take hold of the registrations and cash/checks.

Old Business – None at this time.

New Business: Diane Maglione suggested a new policy for all types of registrations. The front office will not accept cash. The Board of Recreation will need to be present for any type of registration that is held. The Board of Recreation will take hold of the registrations and cash/checks.

A motion was made by Lloyd Domke and seconded by Kaitlyn Maglione that the Board adopt a policy for registrations that a Board of Recreation member must be present at any type of registration and the Board of Recreation member immediately takes hold of the registrations and all cash/checks. All were in favor of this motion.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 16, 2017.

A motion was made by Gil Bell and seconded by Hal Bomzer to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

cc: Commissioner Adam MacNeill

Barbara DeLuca