

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.**

**BOARD OF RECREATION  
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY  
April 20, 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, Hal Bomzer, Scott Garris, Kaitlyn Maglione and Tom Strowbridge. Excused: Gil Bell, Mercedes Haines, Mike Ruiz and David Urbay. Absent: Jimmy Coloma, Rodney Craft.

The minutes of the March 16, 2017, meeting was approved by a motion made by Lloyd Domke and seconded by Tom Strowbridge. All were in favor of this motion.

**Correspondence:** 1) permit for tennis courts 2) notice of Community Meeting for Bergen County Parks Master Plan May 9-11 3) oaths of office for Rodney Craft, Mercedes Haines, Mike Ruiz and David Urbay 4) copy of cheering flyer sponsored by Kathy Tabasco announcing RPJFA Recreation Scarlets Competition Cheer registration

**Hearing of Citizens:** None present.

**Bowling –** Nothing to report.

**Wrestling –** Caesar Maschang said he had some concerns about the lack of control and the behavior of the wrestlers and wanted to know if they could enforce a behavior code for the program. Diane Maglione told him our other sport programs have player conduct codes. She invited him to come to pre-season meetings and he said he would like to.

As far as Duke Lee and the wrestling clothing, the Board still has not received the refund for the sales tax and the sweatpants. Duke Lee does not accept any telephone calls from the Board. The Board cannot locate their new address or website. Tri-Titans web page contains NO CONTACT info. Diane's emails, text messages and phone call messages are not returned. The shipping label only has the UPS address and another telephone number that may belong to the company or Duke Lee himself.

The last time Diane did communicate with Duke, he was a little confused about the dates of her calls, but he said a refund check, no amount was mentioned, was issued 4/1/17 and then mailed. He can't explain why it hasn't reached us yet. This matter has been turned over to the Village's legal department.

The Board will send out a copy of the approved March minutes to all the wrestling parents so they are all up-to-date on what has occurred in the wrestling program during the season since the Board has received some inquiries from some parents.

**Girls' Softball –** No activity at this time.

**Women's Softball –** Packets went out to all teams. They were due to be returned by March 31. Teams will not be permitted to participate until they have submitted a complete packet, including the registration fee. The Board has only received packets from: Barb's Babes, Bergen Chiro, Lazy Lanigans and Rock. Them and Jack's have not turned in their packets yet. Peggy Schneider will run the program again this year. She is aware that no team can participate unless they turn in their packet first. There was no end-of-year party last year so the money will be added to the 2017 party. Field use money is still due by each team.

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

**Easter Egg Hunt** – The Easter Egg Hunt was scheduled for April 15. On the whole, the event went well. There were five volunteers from the high school. The Ambulance and the Board were both short members. The rules were strongly stressed to all participants and the hunt was managed much better. The RP mom's page said they would post the rules on their page next year.

The Board used a lot of control on the parents. The rules were mentioned several times before the contest. Parents were not allowed on the hill to have better control. Lloyd Domke used the press box to retrieve the prize eggs. That worked out quite well.

One of the Ambulance Corps members commented that there should be allergy free candy but the Board reminded them that there was an agreement that if allergy free candy was necessary, the Ambulance Corps would provide that and the Board would take care of the rest of the candy.

**Holiday Display Contest** – No activity at this time.

**Wish Tree** – No activity at this time.

**Tree Lighting** – No activity at this time.

**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. Work is underway and the program will start up again once the room is ready.

**Basketball** – Hal Bomzer said the season was ok. There were some coaches in 3/4 and 5/6 divisions that needed reminding of the rules. There was no backlash on the one discipline that was necessary for a player. There was some chaos when Lincoln's backboard broke. Hal would like to add Lincoln School's backboard to the list of annual maintenance. He had to scramble with that and the weather.

The finals for girls 6/7/8 was exceptionally good. Game was close. The stands were crowded. Hal will discuss with Principal James Donohue if it would be possible to have the 7/8 semi-finals and finals at the high school since it worked out great. The high school is too big for the younger divisions.

The Board was not happy that Italo Tafur made championship t-shirts for his son's team and handed them out while the second place team was getting their trophies. It was not the appropriate time for him to do that and it was without permission from the Board. It also was not the proper time for the Board to inform him of this in front of all the children. The Board did receive some questions from parents asking about shirt distribution for only one team in the program. The Board will address that in a letter to Italo.

The 7/8 traveling teams went great. Larry Umana and Brian Cooney were great coaches and it was a good experience for everyone. The kids really loved it and there were no problems in the gym.

Some rules changes were already decided for next year. If a coach thinks the rotation is wrong, they can challenge it. If you are correct and the rotation is wrong, they get a technical. If the challenge is wrong, you lose a time out. If you correct it yourself, there is no penalty. There were a hand full of challenges and it worked out this year.

It is at the referee's discretion to not run the clock at the end of the game. Three pointers will now be included in 5/6 and 7/8 divisions. Lots of kids can make a three pointer. 5 seconds in lane will be back to 3 seconds. No one is to distribute anything at a Board of Recreation event without prior approval.

It was suggested that maybe there should be only trophies for first four places and certificates or medals for the rest of the players. It lessens the values of the teams that did better.

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

went out for 2017 Spring Tennis, which is scheduled for: Session 1 April 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6; Session 2 May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 17. Fee is \$75 and participants can email Barry to reserve a spot. Payment is made at the first class.

**T2S Basketball** – Larry Umana has not updated the Board on this activity yet.

**Summer Fitness Camp** – No activity at this time.

**Competition Cheer Team** – Diane Maglione emailed Commissioner MacNeill about Kathy Tabasco advertising fundraisers for her “Recreation” Competition Cheer Team. The Board received yet another flyer for registration for RPJFA “Recreation” Cheering done by Kathy Tabasco. A meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. with the Board, Commissioner MacNeill, the Board of Recreation Competition Cheering coaches, Sammy Aguilar of Little Ferry and Kathy Tabasco.

Fausta Vargas and Kellie Nagle said that they have 29 registrations so far. 16 are new registrations and 13 are returning. So far they only have one eighth grade registration so they’re not sure what they will do yet. Flyers don’t go out in the high school so they’re not sure how to get the word out about registration. It was distributed electronically but that doesn’t seem to reach a lot of the 7/8 grade girls. The Board told Kellie to try leaving some with the Athletic Director and also post it on the Mom’s Group website.

They spoke to Jim Barone to get next year’s practice at the same time. As they previously noted, they will be donating back to the K of C by holding their end-of-the year party there. They will use their facility and they will charge per person. The K of C will make money off of it.

A \$50.00 deposit is due upon registration. Payment in full is due by July 1. On July 10 they will be starting their program. Registration is still going on so they will turn in forms and fees in June.

Their competition in Atlantic City is scheduled for May 6.

**Acting and Improvisation** – Rachel Maddock is running classes for children and teens in Grades K-12. Diane Maglione submitted the checks received for registration fees to the Clerk’s Office so a check can be made to Rachel once the checks clear. Some refunds needed to be made by Rachel because only a parent can sign a child out of aftercare so these children were no longer able to participate in the classes.

**Treasurer’s Report** - Beginning balance as of March was \$22,657.90, total deposits were \$0 total expenses were \$4,462.07, leaving a balance of \$18,195.83. A detailed report is in the file. A motion was made by Tom Strowbridge and seconded by Scott Garris to approve the Treasurer’s report. All were in favor of this motion.

**Old Business** – None at this time.

**New Business:** Commissioner MacNeill wants input from the Board on what should be in the new Recreation Room. He is looking for it to become an actual center for the kids. The Board would have an office and storage there. Cabinets will be available for the Board, copy machine, strip outlets, etc. He would like to see some ping pong tables. Members can send their ideas to Commissioner MacNeill.

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A motion was made by Scott Garris and seconded by Tom Strowbridge to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

cc: Commissioner Adam MacNeill

Barbara DeLuca