

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.**

**BOARD OF RECREATION  
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY  
February 15, 2018**

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 as well as posted on the Village bulletin board. Roll call was taken. Commission members present: Diane Maglione, Gil Bell, Hal Bomzer, Jimmy Coloma, Rodney Craft, Lloyd Domke, Kaitlyn Maglione and Tom Strowbridge. Excused: Scott Garris, Mercedes Haines and Mike Ruiz.

The minutes of the January 18, 2018, meeting were approved by a motion made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Gil Bell. All were in favor of this motion.

**Correspondence:** 1) Email from Mario Halphen regarding basketball

**Hearing of Citizens:** Howie Jacobs was present to discuss a new basketball program he would like to head.

**Bowling** – Nothing to report.

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

**Women's Softball** – Packets were sent out to all teams and are due back by March 31, 2018. Since there was no end-of-season party last year, those funds will be applied toward the field usage fee.

**Fourth of July** – There has been one nomination for grand marshal, Harry Welte.

**Easter Egg Hunt** – The hunt is scheduled for March 31, 2018. Diane will notify some students she knows looking for community service hours. Kaitlyn Maglione ordered 6,000 eggs. She has the candy and also some squishy toy for kids with allergies. One of the older girl scouts' troops had also expressed an interest in helping. Egg filling will be done in the DARE Room from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20; Wednesday, February 21; Wednesday, February 28 and Thursday, March 1. The high school will also be asked for community service students interested in helping out.

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

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

**Tree Lighting** – The Board has checked into getting Dickens carolers for the tree lighting and it is affordable. The Board will pick which group to use and sign a contract.

**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** – There was an incident at Lincoln School last Saturday that will be discussed in a closed session. The problem continued after a game. There has been one reported injury. Checks for referees/scorers/timers have gone out. Books still need to be kept better. Some are illegible.

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

**Session 1 April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5**

**Session 2 May 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16**

2:00 - 3:00 pm 6 - 7 years old

3:00 - 4:00 pm 8 - 10 years old

4:00 - 5:00 pm 11 years old and up

**T2S Basketball** – There is ongoing registration at • [www.t2sba.com](http://www.t2sba.com) for registration online using the registration tab on the website. For further information, interested people can email [t2sbasketballacademy@gmail.com](mailto:t2sbasketballacademy@gmail.com) or on Facebook: @t2sbasketballacademy or follow T2S on instagram for updates on scheduled training sessions, packages and locations.

**Summer Fitness Camp** – Rodney Craft will not be able to run the program this year. The Board had received an email from someone who might be able to handle this activity and he was to make a presentation to the Board. The Board has not heard anything further from him.

**Competition Cheer Team** – Fausta Vargas and Kellie Nagle are running this program. They have participated in a lot of competitions and are doing well. The only complaint was that the RPJF Cheering program had used Recreation's mats. A letter was sent to Jim Barone and Kathy Tabasco reminding them that only the Board of Recreation cheering program were to use the mats. There are two more competitions coming up that the Rec budget will cover. It will be about \$3,000.00.

**Acting and Improvisation** – Rachel Maddock will have ongoing registration. Rachel is renting space on Saturdays at Spotlight Performing Arts Academy on Main Street by North Avenue since there is no space in the schools and it is cheaper than using the Civic Center. Rachel will absorb this expense.

**Treasurer's Report** - Beginning balance as of January 1, 2018, was \$29,258.01, total deposits were \$145.00, total expenses were \$1,705.00, leaving a balance of \$27,698.01 as of February 15, 2018. A detailed report is in the file. A motion was made by Gil Bell and seconded by Jimmy Coloma to approve the Treasurer's Report. All were in favor of the motion.

**Old Business – 1)** Matt McArow took the wrestling clothing to sell and was to forward the money from these sales to the Board of Recreation. The Board has not heard back from Matt as to how the sales went so an email will be sent to him. Diane Maglione will contact the attorneys to see what is happening with the lawsuit against Duke Lee for the return of the funds for wrestling clothing never delivered.

**2)** A new storage container will cost \$6,000.00. A used storage container is about \$1,500-\$2,000.

**New Business:** Howie Jacobs attended the meeting to ask the Board if it would sponsor a basketball program for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade boys starting the first Saturday in January until the first Saturday in March. The program would be held on Saturday nights. He was thinking of having music played during the game and still follow the Rec basketball rules.

He would like to have a website where kids could record the stats thinking that would let some kids get community service hours for doing so. He would like to run the program for seven weeks. There would be one try out. He would run the program with Jimmy Coloma. He would use volunteers for scorers/timers. The fees would be going for cost of gym and referees. If the PTA was interested, they could run a concession stand. He would need to put out feelers with kids and also if school would let Rec use the gyms on a Saturday night. The cost would be t-shirt, insurance and cost of gym.

The Board told Howie to come up with a written survey. If the Board approves it, he can then hand out the survey to the kids. If the 9<sup>th</sup> grade is asked, he must include Little Ferry because they attend school here.

A motion was made by Jimmy Coloma and seconded by Rodney Craft, to look into a basketball program for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade boys to be held on Saturday nights. All were in favor of this motion.

The schools will be asked if there is any room on Saturday nights from 4-8 or 5 -9 or 6-10. The high school would be the preference for this program.

At this point, the Board went into closed session to discuss a personnel issue in the basketball program.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 15, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. on a motion made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Tom Strowbridge. All were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

cc: Commissioner Adam MacNeill

Barbara DeLuca