

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2014, at 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
MARCH 20, 2014**

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 15th day of January 2014, and sent to the Star Ledger on the 10th day of January 2014. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Diane Maglione, Hal Bomzer, Tom Essig, Kaitlyn Maglione, Angie Rivera and Tom Strowbridge. Jimmy Coloma, Lloyd Domke, Scott Garriss and Mercedes Haines were excused. Mary Koegel and Mike Ruiz were absent.

The minutes of the February 20, 2014, meeting could not be approved as there was no quorum

Correspondence: minutes of March 4, 2014, safety meeting.

Hearing of Citizens: None present.

Activity reports were as follows:

Bowling – Nothing to report.

Wrestling – Uly Encarnacion was present to give the end-of-season report. All coaches have taken the required Safety Course and NJMEL class. The season began on December 2 and ended with the Year End Pizza Party held on March 5. A complete report is attached.

The EMT's did not show up for either meet even though they were called by Mary Koegel and a follow-up letter was sent to them. Uly will look into the cost of hiring outsiders or a high school trainer to make sure there are trained personnel present. Luckily there were no injuries this year but Uly and the Board don't want to take a chance for next year.

Dennis Murri will be in charge of wrestling next year. If Dennis Murri is able to get gym time, he can work with the players that have participated in the recreational program during the summer. Uly is looking into a possible tournament in the future. The closed practices worked out very well. He did get more coaches by closing the practices. He is waiting to order uniforms until he sees if they will change the style used. He might need to get uniforms that initially cost more but last much longer.

The parents were very cooperative and wanted to help. It was not just one parent doing everything. A parent is trying to look into a grant for a community center.

Girls' Softball - Lloyd Domke was unable to attend the meeting but sent in his report. Registration was held on February 15 and closed on March 15. As of now our numbers are so low that we won't be able to field teams. We have the following:

3rd grade – 1 4th grade – 1 5th grade – 1 6th grade – 6 7th grade – 1 8th grade – 4 Total 14

If we don't have enough players, Lloyd was approached by Little Ferry whose numbers are also low that they would be willing to have our girls play with them. They play in a league called South Bergen League. Lloyd will need to reach out to all parents and let them know of the options.

Women's Softball – A pre-season meeting will be scheduled with the teams for March 26. Registration packets will be due March 26, 2014. Peggy Schneider is willing to run the league again this year.

Fourth of July – No activity at this time.

Easter Egg Hunt – The egg hunt is scheduled for April 19. Mary Koegel will get the eggs and take care of arrangements to fill them.

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 – Angie Rivera has notified Ken Dorsett that she is the new contact for ticket sales. She is trying to get in touch with the Izod Center to also advise them that she is the new contact.

Adult Craft Classes – No activities at this time.

Basketball – The season has ended and went fairly smoothly. The Board will look into the possibility of allowing Little Ferry girls to join the basketball program next year. There is currently no room for any additional boy teams but there should be enough room to allow the girls to play if they are interested. Hal Bomzer will look into getting a reversible jersey to be used for the boy's traveling team that plays in Hackensack so they will look uniform rather than play in different color t-shirts.

Tom Essig thinks the Board should look into the cost of sweatshirts for coaches before any orders are made next year. Hal Bomzer will check on this.

Diane Maglione sent Commissioner MacNeill some information on the procedure that St. Joseph's School uses for background checks.

Tennis – Barry Ruback (568-3946) runs this program, which is taught by All Pro Tennis Staff. There will be no permit charge to the Board of Recreation this year for use of the tennis courts. Barbara DeLuca will contact Barry to remind him that checks need to be payable to the Board of Recreation and to have him send a flyer to the Board to be posted on the internet.

Treasurer's Report - Beginning balance as of February 2014 was \$32,784.90, total deposits for month were \$45.00, total expenses for month were \$1,256.00, leaving a balance of \$31,573.90. A detailed report is attached.

A motion was made by Angie Rivera and seconded by Tom Strowbridge approving the Treasurer's Report. All were in favor of this motion.

New Business – The Board has sent Commissioner MacNeill information on doing background checks.

Old Business – None at this time.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 17, 2014.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Kaitlyn Maglione to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Adam MacNeill