

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**BOARD OF RECREATION  
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY  
March 21, 2019**

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

The minutes of the February 21, 2019, meeting were approved on a motion made by Lloyd Domke and seconded by Diane Maglione. All were in favor.

**Correspondence:** 1) emailed dated 3/1/19 from Amanda Lax, varsity basketball coach, asking about developing a travel program for 5/6 girls  
2) email dated 3/5/19 from a resident inquiring about indoor gym time for pickleball during the winter  
3) copy of Safety Committee minutes from 3/5/19  
4) several emails concerning basketball to be discussed in closed session  
5) invitation from Green Team to 3/31/19 public meeting concerning creating Master Plan for Public Arts

**Hearing of Citizens –** Amanda Lax, varsity girls' basketball coach, was present to discuss a possible new travel basketball league for 5/6 girls. She said she has parents willing to help out and coach. Russell Hodge really wants to get involved and volunteered his time. She would like to include Little Ferry in this team since they will be playing together in high school. The Board said it would support this program provided there are enough girls and coaches to run the program properly.

A motion was made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Mercedes Haines to allow Amanda Lax to explore a possible travel team for 5/6 girls with Little Ferry and gather information as to fee, how many girls would be interested, investigate all costs, see if there are enough girls to just practice and report back to the Board. All were in favor of the motion.

Amanda Lax was told to email the information to the Board when it was available.

**Bowling –** Nothing to report.

**Women's Softball –** Peggy Schneider asked if it would be possible to change to a team fee instead of an individual fee. After a short discussion, the Board agreed to have a team fee of \$900.00 per team. Under this fee arrangement, there will be no end-of-season party. The \$1,000 field permit fee was taken from left-over funds from last year.

The full team fee must be in by May 1 as well as initial rosters. Any late players added after May 1 team fee and roster is submitted, must submit their registration form and \$5.00 processing fee to the Board 24 hours in advance of playing. Shirts are not included in the team fee and will be \$25.00 per shirt. No players may be added after May 31. The shirts will be ordered on May 1 and one final order will be placed on May 31 when registration is officially closed.

A motion was made by Kaitlyn Maglione and seconded by Rodney Craft to change the women's softball fee from an individual fee to a \$900 team fee due on May 1; additional players may be added until May 31 with the registration form and \$5.00 processing fee to be submitted to the Board 24 hours in advance of playing; shirts to be paid for individually and registration closes on May 31. All were in favor of the motion.

**Fourth of July –** No activity at this time. There has been one nomination for Grand Marshal so far.

**Easter Egg Hunt –** The hunt will be held on April 20, 2019. Diane Maglione will have the costume cleaned before the hunt. The eggs are in and 1,000 more eggs were added this year. Kaitlyn Maglione will pick up the candy. Diane said she has a lot of students looking for community service hours, which should be very helpful at the hunt. Once the Board knows what nights the DARE Room is available to fill eggs, an email will be sent to all members and community service students. At least one Board member needs to be present on these nights to supervise the community service students and fill the eggs. Rodney Craft and Mercedes Haines said Thursdays are good for them. Diane is available on Mondays

and Tuesdays. Egg filling is usually done from approximately 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. The high school athletic director was notified when the hunt would occur.

**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. The program will start up again once the room is ready.

**Basketball** – Overall, the season went well with some problems in the final games, which will be discussed in closed session. The Board then went into a short, closed session to discuss some personnel issues.

The Board wants to make clear to all that it cannot act on hearsay information. If the official, coach or Board member has not personally witnessed the incident or poor behavior, it makes it very difficult for the Board to take action. If any person has a complaint about the program, they must either submit it in writing and/or attend a Board meeting. If poor behavior occurs at a Rec event where the Board holds the permit for the gym, the Board will address that behavior. The Board will not tolerate bad behavior at any of its events and the responsible party will be suspended. Poor behavior on a repeat basis can result in a permanent ban from all Board activities.

Hal Bomzer said he was advised by Lincoln's principal that their gym teacher said some basketballs were missing. Hal advised Mr. Neubert to give him a list of what was missing and the Board will replace them and include some extras. Hal will also buy a lock for the basket where the balls are kept since it is very hard to monitor the open container at games/practices.

Rodney Craft said the amount of food and garbage brought into the gym from the PTA's concession stand is disgusting. The Board instructed Rodney to write down his concerns so the Board can send them to the principal to take care of before next season. In the past, when there were complaints about the trash in the gyms, the concession stands were shut down as they were not run or controlled by the Board.

Hal also mentioned that T2S Basketball gave away a free 6 class-session to one player in each division chosen by the coach as the most improved player. T2S presented the award at each final.

**Saturday Night Hoops** – Howie Jacobs said the season went very well with one incident not related to the program occurring at the last game. The Board went into a short, closed session to discuss the incident. Everyone seemed to enjoy the program and it will continue next year.

**Tennis** – Barry Ruback (568-3946) runs this program, which is taught by All Pro Tennis Staff. He will be starting up the program again in April. Session 1 April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5. Session 2 May 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16

**T2S Basketball** – The next session started this month.

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

**Competition Cheer Team** – They are entered in a lot of competitions and are placing in these competitions. Kellie Nagle would like to set up a meeting to discuss next year's program. The cheerleaders are running a Tricky Tray with all proceeds going to the K of C as a thank you for allowing them to practice in their building. They were told to make sure the flyer stated that all profits go to the K of C.

**Acting and Improvisation** – Rachel Maddock is running this program, which has been continually growing. Participants seem very pleased. It is currently being held at the high school for this session.

**Treasurer's Report -** Beginning balance as of February 1, 2019, was \$30,388.85 total deposits were \$650.00, total expenses were \$5,765.00, leaving a balance of \$25,273.85 as of February 28, 2019. A detailed report is in the file. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Jimmy Coloma and seconded by Gil Bell. All were in favor of the motion.

**Old Business –** None at this time.

**New Business:** None at this time.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 18, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. on a motion made by Tom Strowbridge and seconded by Lloyd Domke. All were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

cc: Commissioner Adam MacNeill

Barbara DeLuca