

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2014, at 7:00 P.M.**

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

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

The minutes of the November 21, 2013, meeting were approved. There was no meeting in January as there was no quorum.

**Correspondence:** permit to use Roosevelt School for softball registration; letter from Mayor thanking the Board for the tree lighting; email from Commissioner Anlian that he felt tree lighting went quite well this year especially with the donation of the tree; emails from Nancy Serrano (which will be discussed during closed session); email from Valley Hospital regarding 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Concussion Awareness Seminar to be held on February 26

**Hearing of Citizens:** Nancy Serrano was present to discuss some concerns she has about the basketball program that needed to be discussed during closed session.

The Board went into closed session at 7:08 p.m. to speak to Ms. Serrano. The closed session ended at 8:30 p.m.

Activity reports were as follows:

**Bowling –** Nothing to report.

**Wrestling –** There was a meet held at the high school on February 15. Uly Encarnacion called up Tom Essig to advise that the EMTs did not show up again despite having been contacted by Mary Koegel as well as a follow up letter to the Ambulance Corps. Tom Essig advised him to call 911 in the event of an emergency. The EMTs also did not show up for the first meet in January. The Board will follow up with Commissioner Poli to see if there is a problem. Uly will be ordering the trophies for the March 6 party.

**Girls' Softball -** Registration was held on February 15 and will close on March 15.

**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 –** The contest took place on Friday, December 20, 2013. There were 17 entries. Mary Koegel distributed the prizes the night of the contest. There are several new designs for platters that will be available for the next contest. Winners were:  
Grand Prize Winner -- 120 Hazelton Street - Bob & Joann Theuret  
First -- 358 Main Street - Kyle & Cindy Long  
Second -- 64 Park Street - Lucille & Ed Martinez  
Third -- 108 Paulison Avenue - Scully Family

Fourth -- 47 Edison Street - Maribel Rivera

**Wish Tree** – Kaitlyn Maglione said all of the gift tags were returned except for two or three. Gifts were distributed to everyone.

**Tree Lighting** – Mercedes Haines spoke to Mr. Alberque at Roosevelt School. It's his turn for the chorus next year and he said it is not a problem. Mercedes will invite boy and girl scouts and Fr. Larry as well. She is not sure about solo singers yet. She will attend spring concert and see. She will also contact the scouts at the end of the month to confirm things for next year. Commissioner Anlian sent an email that he thought the tree lighting went quite well this year and that the donation of a seedling that grew into the tree from a Village resident added charm to the celebration. Thank you letters were sent to everyone.

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

**Adult Trips/Activities** – The Board never heard back from Vanessa Diaz regarding Zumba classes. Angie Rivera did call Ken Dorsett to introduce herself last month and asked if he could start sending her information regarding the Nets. She hasn't heard from him but she did print out the information that he sent about the group tickets for 2014 and placed them around town (RP) and Little Ferry, 7-11, IGA, a restaurant named Sofritos. She even put it on the bulletin board in her office building. She will try to reach out to Mr. Dorsett again for any updates.

**Adult Craft Classes** – No activities at this time.

**Basketball** – The season has been going fairly well so far. There was an incident at a game on January 18 that required a letter to be sent to a spectator and player reminding them both of appropriate behavior at games. No repercussions arose after the letters were sent. The Board purchased three special mops for use in the gyms to pick up water (spills, wet sneakers, etc). They are special microfiber cloths designed for gym floors. There is velcro attached to the mop base and are washable when they get dirty. There is an extra cloth for each mop and they have worked well this wet winter.

A parent has sent some emails with concerns she has over her son's basketball team, which were discussed during closed session. A meeting had already taken place with the parent, program chairman, division chairman, coach, Diane Maglione and Commissioner MacNeill to try to resolve the issues.

The Lincoln School scoreboard controller needs to be replaced at a cost of probably about \$600-\$700. Hal Bomzer was told to go ahead with the purchase.

Several practices had to be changed to game days due to the inclement weather. Playoffs will begin shortly and trophies have been ordered. Payments for the first half of the season have been submitted.

Diane Maglione is sending Commissioner MacNeill some information on the procedure that St. Joseph's School uses for background checks. She contacted Det. Sgt. Sgroi who received training about background checks. He informed Diane that the system for background checks is flawed. It does not require the reporting of any offenses after the initial background check is done. Even if there is an arrest, it will not be reported to the police. The only way to have current arrests is to do a background check every single year. The system is flawed.

**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.

**Treasurer's Report** - Beginning balance as of November 2013 was \$34,187.18, total deposits for month were \$4,357.00, total expenses for month were \$3,613.18, leaving a balance of \$34,931.00. A detailed report is attached. Beginning balance as of December 2013 was \$34,931.00 total deposits for month were \$4,360.00, total expenses for month were \$4,851.07, leaving a balance of \$34,439.93. Beginning balance as of January 2014 was \$34,439.93, total deposits for month were \$0, total expenses for month were \$1,655.03, leaving a balance of \$32,784.90. Detailed reports are 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, March 20, 2014.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Jimmy Coloma to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Adam MacNeill