

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2015, at 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
OCTOBER 15, 2015**

President Diane Maglione called the meeting to order at 7:07 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 on the 31stth day of December 2014. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Diane Maglione, Jimmy Coloma, Rodney Craft, Lloyd Domke, Scott Garris, Mercedes Haines, Mike Ruiz, Tom Strowbridge and David Urbay. Hal Bomzer, Mary Koegel and Kaitlyn Maglione were excused.

The minutes of the September 17, 2015, meeting were approved by a motion made by Rodney Craft and seconded by Jimmy Coloma. All were in favor of this motion.

Correspondence: email from Commissioner MacNeill asking to meet with members of the Board regarding background checks.

Hearing of Citizens: None present.

Activity reports were as follows:

Bowling – Nothing to report.

Wrestling – Registration will be October 22 and 29. Forms were distributed in the schools. Uly said he doesn't need a Board member present. Uly will be meeting with Coach Murri to try to hand out a tentative practice schedule. The league scheduling meeting will be in December. They will not find out that schedule until then.

Girls' Softball – No activity at this time.

Women's Softball – No activity at this time.

Fourth of July – No activity at this time.

Easter Egg Hunt – No activity at this time but the Board will discuss the location at a later time. The Board wants to discuss if holding the egg hunt in the same location would be a good idea. It must take into consideration that sometimes this location gets damp and muddy due to the time of year. The Ambulance Corps will also need to be reminded that they are supposed to furnish allergy-free candy for those that request it.

Holiday Display Contest – No activity at this time. The prizes have been ordered. Some members thought it might be a fun activity if the Board members were permitted to use one of the small town buses and rode around with the judges. The contest will take place on December 18.

Wish Tree – Kaitlyn spoke with Jackie from the Welfare Department. The tags will be placed in TD Bank on November 27th, the day after Thanksgiving. We will ask that the gifts be returned by December 16th. They will be sorted on the 18th and distributed on the 21st.

Tree Lighting – Currently there is no tree but Commissioner Anlian said a new tree will be planted in time for the tree lighting. Mercedes Haines has spoken to Lincoln School about performing. She has the soloist already. The characters have been ordered for the lighting. There will be a table for the raffle entries. She will make up two \$50 prize baskets as consolation prizes. Vorhees-Ingwersen has agreed to sponsor the bicycle again. Slurpees will be available. There are glow sticks for the children as well as the candy canes. Sound system has been ordered. The annual memo was sent to the Police Dept.,

DPW and Ambulance Corps to remind them of the event and what needs to be done.

Rag-A-Muffin — A DJ and two food carts (cotton candy and popcorn) have been ordered for 2 hours from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. They will also provide the attendant for the food cart. The Board will pick up small waters for the parade. There are also glow lights and stickers for the participants. The candy will be ready for the parade. Trophies are ready. Memos were sent to the DPW and Police requesting their usual assistance. A note will be placed on the table that the glow sticks will not be distributed to children under three. Parents must get the glow sticks for the children to avoid any possible hazards in young children. A notice was sent to the high school requesting community service students. All available members should meet at 9:00 a.m. on October 31. The rain date is Sunday, November 1 at 1:30 p.m.

Adult Trips/Activities – The Board is looking into sponsoring a quilting class.

Ping Pong – The first session has started. There will be three sessions. Session 1 will run from September 28 – December 5; Session 2 will run from December 7 – February 12; Session 3 will run from February 15 – April 22. Classes will be held at the Civic Center. The program is open to children grades 1 and up as well as adults. The fee is the same for children and adults. At the request of the girls scout leader, Sue will be holding a trial session for the troop to see if the girls like it. She also will be contacting Robert Kilmurray to see if he might be interested in setting something up with the after school program.

Basketball – Registration was held. Reminder letters were sent to 143 unregistered participants from last year. Numbers so far are: clinic 23, 3/4/5 girls 32, 6/7/8 girls 22, 3/4 boys 41, 5/6 boys 59, 7/8 boys 46.

Division heads will be as follows: Clinic – Scott Garris, 3 /4 Boys– Elvis Ramos (Hal recruited him last year because of the way he coached players and acted on sidelines), 5/6 Boys – Jimmy Coloma, 7/8 Boys – David Urbay, 3/4/5 Girls – John Pesler, 6/7/8 Girls – Rick Martinez (he was recommended and recruited by Tom Strowbridge). Tom Strowbridge will help in evaluations and draft for this division.

As far as Evaluations: Need about 4 members each night to help in gym and at table to answer registration questions and non-registered for waiting lists.

Monday 11/2 6-8 pm Boys 3/4 & 5/6 divisions

Wednesday 11/4 6-8:30 pm All girls & 7/8 Boys

There will be a division head meeting on Wednesday, October 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the DARE Room to discuss procedures, rules and decide on number of teams and maximum number of players per division based on registration numbers on October 25 closing date.

The certification class will be held on Wednesday, December 15 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. in the Lincoln School library. Cutoff date for the class is December 8. A member will be needed to assist that night with registration.

The coach/referee mandatory meeting is scheduled for December 2 at 7:30 p.m. at Lincoln School. There will be a meeting with clinic parents on Tuesday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m. at Roosevelt School.

Hal met with the new principal in Lincoln School to discuss the needs for the gym as he is being approached by many organizations. He is aware REC BB is 2nd in preference after school needs. Hal will send pre-season needs for gym next week after the division head meeting.

The Board has been given a number of Fridays in Thomas Jefferson School and will utilize some, if not all, of them. He also plans to meet with that principal probably next week.

Reminder packets will go out to all participants after the registration deadline is over.

There was a discussion about possibly inviting Little Ferry to send over a few girls' teams since the present numbers are lower than last year. Hal Bomzer will look into the logistics of inviting another town

to participate. The boys numbers are higher at this time so the Board will only consider adding girls at this time.

Tennis – Barry Ruback (568-3946) runs this program, which is taught by All Pro Tennis Staff. He had requests from parents to continue lessons into the fall. The Board has a permit to use court #4 from September 19 – November 7 from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Barry also advised that if space were available he could do indoor lessons with the younger kids with special inside balls. Supt. Eric Koenig advised that he could speak with Mr. Perrapato, Principal of Thomas Jefferson, to work out some time to use that school.

Adult Fitness Camp – Rodney Craft is looking into an adult fitness class at the request of some parents of children that participated in the summer fitness camp. He will contact ETS so they can look at the space to see if it will accommodate their plans before any decision is made. He thinks that the class would probably start in approximately January. The cost will probably be 10 sessions for \$100. It will be a cross-fit class. There needs to be a minimum of 5 people to hold a class. The Board receives a discount for this activity by providing the facility.

T2S Basketball - Larry Umana and Nathan Lopez are running a basketball specific performance enhancement training program to students in grades 4-12. T2S Basketball Academy is having ongoing registration. For further information, interested people can email t2sbasketballacademy@gmail.com, or on Facebook: @t2sbasketballacademy. Larry had a one day trial clinic with fun events for ages 4-12 grades at Veteran's Park on October 10 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. There was no cost to participate. The Board is attempting to gain gym time to continue this program in the fall until the start of the basketball season.

Treasurer's Report - Beginning balance as of September, 2015 was \$27,002.01, total deposits for month were \$6,370, total expenses for month were \$0*, leaving a balance of \$33,372.01. A detailed report is in the file. *Checks cannot be issued until the new signatures are in place.

New Business – Rodney Craft was appointed a member to fill the unexpired term of Tom Essig.

Kaitlyn Maglione needs to go to the bank to change the account name and authorized signatures. All four members must go at the same time to complete the change. Kaitlyn Maglione, Barbara DeLuca, Lloyd Domke and Eduardo Coloma will set up a time and date to complete the process. Two signatures are needed on a check. The four members are available to meet at Bank of America at 10:15 a.m. on Saturday, October 24.

The Board also wants to make it clear to all that there are programs that the Board does not have the expertise to run so it hires people with various skills to run the program for the Board. Many times the price is discounted to the Board because the Board can provide the facility for the activity or simply the fact that it is run by the Board, which is a non-profit organization, and the expert is willing to offer the discount for that reason.

Old Business – The Board sent a memo to the Mayor and Board of Commissioners asking what background procedure they will have in place for the start of the basketball program. Commissioner MacNeill sent an email that the Commissioners would like to meet with some members of the Board to discuss this. The Executive Board and Hal Bomzer will attend the Caucus Meeting on Thursday, October 22, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. Any members that have any concerns or issues they want raised at this meeting, should send an email to the secretary so it can be passed on to the members attending the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2015.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mike Ruiz and seconded by David Urbay to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

cc: Commissioner Adam MacNeill

Barbara DeLuca