

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2015, at 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
APRIL 16, 2015**

President Diane Maglione called the meeting to order at 7:03 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, Tom Essig, Scott Garris, Mercedes Haines and Kaitlyn Maglione. Hal Bomzer, Lloyd Domke, Mary Koegel, Mike Ruiz, Tom Strowbridge and David Urbay were excused.

The minutes of the March 19, 2015, meeting were approved by a motion made by Kaitlyn Maglione and seconded by Tom Essig. All were in favor of this motion.

Correspondence: permit for Lincoln and Grant School gyms for basketball 2015-2016; permit for softball fields; permit for Veteran's Park for summer fitness camp; permit for tennis courts; instructions for Financial Disclosure Statements due by April 30, 2015, email from Nicole Kachadoorian regarding ponytail softball (answered by Lloyd Domke).

Hearing of Citizens: None present.

Activity reports were as follows:

Bowling – Nothing to report.

Wrestling – No activity at this time. Forty singlets were ordered for next year.

Girls' Softball – No activity at this time. An email was received from Nicole Kachadoorian that Lloyd Domke responded to.

Women's Softball – Packets were due by March 19, 2015. There will be eight teams this year. Peggy Schneider advised what equipment was needed and Tom Essig will order it. The permit for the field came in. There was an email from one of the teams questioning rules that were previously agreed to by all teams and Diane Maglione responded to the email. Shirts have been ordered. The season will start next week.

Fourth of July – Three nominations for grand marshal were received so far, Gerard Garofalow, Bill Damiani and Andrew Ranaudo.

Easter Egg Hunt – The hunt was held on Saturday, April 4, 2015. Funds were encumbered under PO #14138. The Tuesday before the hunt, the DPW advised the Board that the conditions of the hills were unsafe due to the lighting project. The hunt was moved to the hills in front of the high school.

Mary Koegel very much appreciated help for the egg hunt. She stayed until every last person left the park in case there was any complaint about the start of the egg hunt. No one expressed any issue to her at that time. There was a misunderstanding about starting the hunt and some divisions started too early. There were issues with the prize eggs. There were the usual problems with some adults interfering with the kids on the hills well before most kids had even come down off the hills to try to claim their prize. The Easter bunny accommodated all at the hunt that wanted a picture. Mary will give her receipts to Tom Essig for reimbursement.

Some of the candy used in the eggs isn't nut free. There were two members of the Ambulance Corps that complained about using candy that might contain nuts. John Tymon of the Ambulance Corps had no problem with the candy used at the hunt. Next year it will be suggested that the RPVAC should fill some

eggs with non-nut candies that meet their approval and allergic kids can swap their contaminated nut candy eggs for it. The flyer next year will also state that the candy-filled eggs might contain nut products.

Rick Lutz also said that Lt. Gneiding once again advised he would like the Board of Recreation signs stored in a different location as the Police Dept. needs the shed where they are currently located. Although Lt. Gneiding has mentioned this several times in the past, the Board only has access to the storage cabinet provided to the Board in the Community Resource Room located in the Municipal Building. The signs can be moved to this room if it is a problem storing them in the Village shed located in the parking lot.

Holiday Display Contest – No activity at this time.

Wish Tree – No activity at this time.

Tree Lighting – It was suggested that a table be set up to accept the ballots for the bicycle raffle. The Board will look into possibly offering hot chocolate as well as Slurpees at the event. The Board will see about pre-purchasing 100 small hot chocolates from Dunkin Donuts and then give people the option of the free Slurpee or a hot chocolate. It is Grant School's turn to sing at the tree lighting. The Board will also hire two costumed characters to entertain the crowd at the lighting.

Mercedes Haines suggested having two small consolation prizes in addition to the bicycle raffle. It was suggested that she might get a stocking and put a small gift certificate in it. The Board will also add a small prize basket for the pre-school children not able to participate in the bicycle raffle. Separate ballots will be distributed at the library story time and the pre-schools. A separate table will also be available to submit the pre-school prize ballot so there is no confusion.

Rag-A-Muffin — The Board spoke with Parties for Peanuts about a DJ and food cart for the event. A DJ and two food carts (cotton candy and popcorn) will be ordered for 2 hours from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. They will also provide the attendant for the food cart. Tom Essig will order small waters for the parade. The Board will also look into possibly giving away glo-lights.

Adult Trips/Activities – No activities at this time but Tom Essig is looking into a possible fishing trip in the summer.

Basketball – All books were finally turned in for the second half of the season. The CFO requires that SSN be turned in before a check is issued and if the Village is not in possession of the SSN or required W-9 form, no check will be issued. Next year this requirement will be stressed at the pre-season meeting.

It was suggested that maybe a clinic be held for coaches in the lower divisions to aid them in properly learning coaching techniques and the rules of the games. It was also stated that some minor changes will be done to the rules for next year so everyone clearly understands what is permitted. Division leaders, especially the lower divisions, will be reminded that this is more of an instructional league and not just designed to win.

Hal Bomzer will check with the schools on the status of the damaged paper holder at Lincoln School. The Board offered to pay for the damage and will then contact the parent to request reimbursement. Scott Garris said he spoke with Mike Alberque about equipment that was missing from Roosevelt and offered to have the Board replace any equipment that might have gone missing while the Board was using the gym.

Diane Maglione has not heard back from Matt McArrow regarding the background checks.

Tennis – Barry Ruback (568-3946) runs this program, which is taught by All Pro Tennis Staff. Permits came in for the tennis courts. The program will be on Fridays, May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 19, 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, August 7 and 14 from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. All rain dates will be made up. Flyers will go out in the schools shortly. Lessons will run:

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. 6-8 years old

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. 9 - 11 years old

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. 12 years old and up
 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Adults

Summer Fitness Camp – Permit came in for use of the turf field for the fitness camp. Rodney Craft emailed a flyer he would like to distribute in the schools. The Board will advise Rodney that he probably needs to add some larger shirt sizes for the eighth grade boys. He also needs to give the Board a copy of the coach's certifications if they were not certified in one of the Board's classes.

He must give the Board an inventory of all equipment before the camp starts and when the camp ends. Before ordering any equipment, he will send a list of what he requires and prices so the Board can approve the purchase. Rodney was also advised he will be able to order the equipment using the tax exempt number of the Village. Since this program is run by volunteers, the Board will provide the equipment to be used. It will be stored in the Board storage containers

A letter will be sent to the Ambulance Corps requesting EMTs be present at the camp.

T2S Basketball - Larry Umana and Nathan Lopez are running a basketball specific performance enhancement training program to students grades 5-12. Registration was March 20 and 24. Information for this program can be found at T2SBasketballacademy@gmail.com. Lessons have begun. Feedback on the lessons has been positive from participants.

Treasurer's Report - Beginning balance as of March 2015 was \$27,533.46, total deposits for month were \$4,460.00, total expenses for month were \$6,251.00 leaving a balance of \$25,742.46. A detailed report is in the file.

A motion was made by Jimmy Coloma and seconded by Kaitlyn Maglione to approve the treasurer's report. All were in favor of this motion.

New Business – none at this time.

Old Business – Background checks – Diane Maglione will be meeting with Commissioner MacNeill to discuss background checks and the procedure that Hackensack uses. A procedure will be in place before any fall programs start.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2015.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Tom Essig and seconded by Scott Garris to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Adam MacNeill