

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.**

**BOARD OF RECREATION  
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY  
JANUARY 21, 2016**

President Diane Maglione called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 31st<sup>th</sup> day of December 2015. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Diane Maglione, Lloyd Domke, Mercedes Haines and Kaitlyn Maglione. Hal Bomzer, Jimmy Coloma, Rodney Craft, Scott Garriss, Mike Ruiz, Tom Strowbridge and David Urbay were excused.

The minutes of the November 19, 2015, meeting could not be approved as there was not a quorum present.

**Correspondence:** letter from Mayor Fosdick thanking the Board for hosting the tree lighting as well as the many programs it sponsors throughout the year; correspondence from Fourth of July Citizens Committee regarding nomination of grand marshal; cards came in from the Safety Office from Bergen Risk Managers, Inc., (As a reminder, all Village employees/volunteers should have a Workers Compensation ID Card on their person at all times. Rec members are covered if injured attending an activity involving their volunteer function.); email from Berlinda Rodriguez asking if the Board would be willing to sponsor a program for children not able to be mainstreamed if there are parents willing to volunteer; thank you note from Madeline Essig.

**Hearing of Citizens:** None present.

Activity reports were as follows:

**Bowling –** Nothing to report.

**Wrestling –** The home meet was scheduled for January 16. Despite receiving plenty of notice and acknowledging receipt of the notice, the Ambulance Corps did not show up for the meet at 8:15 a.m. as requested. Lloyd Domke was present at the meet and notified the Secretary as of 9:46 a.m. that the Ambulance Corps was not present.

Emails and phone calls were then made to the President of the Ambulance Corps as well as their Commissioner, Hugo Poli. Diane Maglione spoke with Chief Georgios Kotzias as well who told her he knew Friday night at 9:00 p.m. that they wouldn't have an ambulance and that they were going to mutual aid. Diane asked why he didn't contact the Board to alert them that they could not be present and he said he didn't know how to reach the Board. Diane reviewed with him all the different ways he could have contacted the Board; however, Diane learned the information he relayed was inaccurate as the mutual aid request ended at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, which meant they were available.

Commissioner Poli advised that he spoke to the Ambulance Corps. President, John Tymon, who said that he instructed a member of the Ambulance Corps. to stand by at the wrestling meet and to leave if there was a call. Unfortunately, there was an injury at the meet and the Ambulance Corps. was called to respond and they did, which meant they were available to stand by at the meet.

This is the fourth consecutive year that the Ambulance Corps. did not show up and also failed to notify the Board that they were not going to show up. Commissioner Poli said he tried to call Chief Kotzias but he did not answer or return the phone call.

The Board will contact Tom Bonk, the Athletic Trainer, and ask him if he would be interested in covering the home meet for compensation from the Board. The Board can no longer take a chance on an

injury occurring and there being no trained personnel present to assist. In the future, the Board will pay the Athletic Trainer to stand by.

Lloyd Domke said he was present at the meet and that Uly Encarnacion does an exceptional job with the program. He is very positive with the kids and provides positive encouragement during the meets.

**Girls' Softball** – Registration forms will be distributed in the schools and must be returned by March 11, 2016.

**Women's Softball** – Packets went out to all teams. Completed registration packets are due March 31, 2016.

**Fourth of July** – Nominations for Grand Marshal are being accepted now.

**Easter Egg Hunt** – The Board will discuss the location at a later time. The Board will meet (possibly more than one meeting) to fill the eggs for the hunt. Community Service students will be invited to help out when the eggs are filled. Lloyd Domke said he will look into purchasing the eggs. It was suggested that the prize eggs all be gold to make it easier to distinguish from the other eggs. Diane Maglione spoke to the Easter Bunny and he is available on March 26.

The Board will also look into purchasing the chocolate bunnies for the prize eggs. Division 1: toddlers with one adult, has no prize eggs. There will be 24 prizes for the other divisions: Division 2: pre-k – kindergarten; Division 3: 1 & 2 grades. Division 4: 3 & 4 grades; Division 5: 5 & 6 grades.

**Holiday Display Contest** – The contest was held on December 18. There were 22 entries. Lloyd Domke was able to get a bus for the judges and available Board of Recreation members to use to tour the decorated homes and businesses. Prizes were distributed at the January 12th Board of Commissioners' meeting. Seven of the winners were present at the meeting to accept their prizes. Two of the absent winners called to apologize because a family emergency came up at the last minute and they couldn't attend the meeting. The remaining prizes were delivered to the winners.

Everyone seemed pleased with the contest and the winners were quite happy to receive their prizes at the meeting. The Mayor and Commissioners appreciated how people take the time to make the Village more festive and care for their homes. Next year, the Board will have a separate prize for residential and business. It is very hard for a business with only a small window to decorate to compete with a resident able to decorate an entire house. There will be a separate business prize next year.

Next year the Grand Prize Winner will also receive a gift card to a local restaurant in addition to the prize as a reward for doing just a little bit extra. This year honorable mention prizes were brought back and the winners seemed appreciative of their prize. A thank you note will be sent to Bob Kilmurray for providing use of the bus.

**Wish Tree** – Kaitlyn Maglione said that Jackie from the Welfare Department had the gifts picked up by the DPW and were already sorted when she got there. All 27 tags were taken and distributed.

**Tree Lighting** – Everything went well at the tree lighting. Next year Roosevelt School will be invited to sing. Elsa and the Elf were good. The crowd loved them. Next year maybe the Board can add another character in addition. Mercedes Haines is looking for a male singer in addition to the female singer. The kids liked the addition of the two consolation baskets in addition to the bicycle. Hana Camareno-Sanguesa, a 6th grader at Roosevelt and AJ Vercelli, a 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Roosevelt won the baskets. Matthew Camareno of Lincoln School won the bicycle.

**Rag-A-Muffin** — No action at this time. The Board will discuss possibly adding a house decorating contest next year as there were several calls asking about such a contest. There will also be an additional popcorn cart and the DJ will play for three hours next year.

**Adult Trips/Activities** – The Board is looking into sponsoring a quilting class but has not heard back from the instructor yet.

**Ping Pong** – The first session has completed. Session 2 has begun and 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.

There was an inter-school tournament held on December 2. There were two groups – grades 1-3 and 4-6. The Board provided the medals for the event and Sue Chak provided snacks. All participants received a small token. Mayor Fosdick and Lloyd Domke were there to present the medals. Registration forms for Session III were distributed in the schools.

**Basketball** – Basketball has been progressing smoothly so far. The two new division heads Elvis, and Rick, are doing fine in relaying info, supervising games, and scheduling their scorers, timers and refs. Hal Bomzer has officiated in all of the divisions and has been able to gauge the conduct of parents, coaches, and players with no real issues. Players all seem to be having great time.

The mechanism to raise and lower the backboards in Roosevelt school needed to be replaced. The Board of Ed did not have funds to repair this. Being that these are the Board's backboards and the Board of Ed does not charge us for custodians, the Board gave approval to have it fixed and paid for it. The cost was \$1,275.00. Hal suggests that Corby Associates come in annually in September and for yearly inspection and tune-ups for Grant and Roosevelt backboards.

Grant School scoreboard stopped working in December. With help from Charlie Harnett, we were able to figure out that the problem was in the wire/junction box and not the controller or scoreboard. A new one was ordered and installed. The scoreboard is fine. Cost was about \$150.00. We do have a portable electric scoreboard that we were able to use while Grant's was not working so games were played without incident.

First half of season will end on Sat 1/23, and div heads have been given specific instructions on what they need to do when turning in their books and payment info. They were told to make sure all names, dates, rosters are included and consistent with payment info. Books should also be delivered to Barbara by Sunday night. Diane was copied on that.

Sports Action Photos will take pictures again this year. These should be done in next week or so for all divisions (weather permitting).

3/4 boys:

All is much better than last year. All coaches are on the same page. Elvis is doing a great job.

5/6 boys:

All is going well. There have been no problems other than next year the Board should try to ensure that parents order the correct size. There seemed to be more reorders this year due to either parents ordering wrong size or shirt seems to be too small.

7/8 boys:

All is going well. There have been no problems.

3/4/5 girls: We had two coaches in 3/4/5 girls that needed a talking to in order to get them on the same page. Div head John Pessler took care of that and there was big improvement the next time Hal saw them.

6/7/8 girls: Rick also doing fine job as new div head. Tom helped a lot in getting him going.

The Board had a discussion on increasing the rate for scorers/timers. The new pay rate will be \$9.00 per game. All members were in agreement with this change in rate from \$7.00 to \$9.00 in the hopes of attracting more scorers/timers.

**Tennis** – Barry Ruback (568-3946) runs this program, which is taught by All Pro Tennis Staff. He held lessons until the courts were no longer lit.

**Adult Fitness Camp** – Rodney Craft spoke with ETS about a fitness program for adults. ETS can offer a group rate at their facility in Teterboro. 10 classes for \$100, just need ten people to sign up. This alleviates the space issue with the civic center and is a great deal for RP residents. Rodney will be the liaison for this activity. Rodney will speak to ETS about the flyer to distribute in the schools.

**T2S Basketball** - Larry Umana and Nathan Lopez are running a basketball specific performance enhancement training program to students in grades 4-12 sponsored by the Board. T2S Basketball Academy is having ongoing registration. For further information, interested people can email [t2sbasketballacademy@gmail.com](mailto:t2sbasketballacademy@gmail.com), or on Facebook: @t2sbasketballacademy. Since his Facebook page post stated that rec league coaches lack skill and knowledge and therefore are short changing the players, we may suggest he offer our coaches a free coaches' training seminar. The camp is on hiatus during the school basketball season.

**Treasurer's Report** - Beginning balance as of December, 2015 was \$30,531.32, total deposits for month were \$2,022.00, total expenses for month were \$8,749.65, leaving a balance of \$23,803.67. A detailed report is in the file. There was one returned check from the wrestling program. A letter will be sent requesting a new check in the amount of \$57.00.

**New Business** – Meeting dates were set for 2016 as follows:

JANUARY 21	SEPTEMBER 15
FEBRUARY 18	OCTOBER 20
MARCH 17	NOVEMBER 17
APRIL 21	DECEMBER 15 (IF NECESSARY)
MAY 19	
JUNE 16	

The Board received an email from Berlinda Rodriguez asking if the Board would support a group of parents in starting a program (if there are parents who are willing to volunteer) for special needs children who are unable to mainstream but have an interest in participating in a group sport/activity. The Board replied to Ms. Rodriguez that it is made up of volunteers who are not professionally trained to instruct special needs children. While the Board wishes it could provide all the requested activities that Village residents desire, it must also make sure it can safely run the activity for the participants. The Board suggested that she contact the Special Services Department in the Village schools who should have the experience and knowledge in assisting the special needs child.

**Old Business** – The Board needs to work out the details on conducting the background checks with Commissioner MacNeill. There is a webinar on February 10 on background checks that the Board will participate in.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 18, 2016.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Lloyd Domke and seconded by Kaitlyn Maglione to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

cc: Commissioner Adam MacNeill

Barbara DeLuca