

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
May 19, 2016**

President Diane Maglione called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 2015. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Diane Maglione, Gil Bell, Lloyd Domke, Hal Bomzer, Scott Garris, Mercedes Haines, Kaitlyn Maglione, Tom Strowbridge and David Urbay. Jimmy Coloma, Rodney Craft and, Mike Ruiz were excused.

The minutes of the February 18, March 17, and April 21, 2016, meetings were approved.

Correspondence: 1) permit came in for use of tennis courts at Fellowship Park 2) Copy of memo dated April 19, 2016, from Francine Orovitz regarding Motor Vehicle Record Checks (awaiting response from Matt McArow if Board needs to comply with these record checks

Hearing of Citizens: Fausta Vargas and Kellie Nagle were present to discuss a possible new program to be sponsored by the Board.

Bowling – Nothing to report.

Wrestling – Last month, Uly Encarnacion advised that the program planned to add a buffer by running a concession stand and including a concession stand fee in the registration fee. Uly will be advised that the concession stand fee cannot be made part of the registration fee as the Board cannot fundraise. The registration fee will be kept at \$45.

Girls' Softball – The Board has gotten some feedback from parents that aren't happy with the current softball offered to the girls. They would like to see the Board run a softball program again. Lloyd Domke told the parents this would not be a problem if enough girls sign-up next year for the program. He already had plans in place for the softball program but there were not enough girls to run the program.

There will be some issues next year due to the severe budget cuts being made by the Board of Education as a result of a large deficit in the budget. 7&8 grade team sports are being cut if they are available through the Board of Recreation or another similar organization. Freshman teams are also being cut. The Board of Recreation teams are recreational, not competitive, teams. To help the schools with this deficit of competitive experience for the younger students, the Board will offer to sponsor an "all-star team" if the schools provide the coach so students do not miss out on two years of playing experience. Lloyd has spoken with Coach Luterzo and will work on the details with the high school.

Women's Softball – Peggy Schneider is running the program and things seem to be going well. One team asked what time the Board's permit starts since they haven't been getting the field until 8:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and it is not possible to finish a game by 10:00 p.m. when the lights are turned off. The team said that the lights were on until about 10:30 p.m. for football.

Diane Maglione said she is not concerned about checking the roster for each game. These are adults playing and if they are unable to point out to the umpire that an unregistered player is participating, the responsibility will be on them. There is one team that doesn't turn in playoffs because they are only playing for fun and will never be eligible for playoffs anyway. Matt McArow of GJEM Insurance has previously advised that only registered players are covered by the Village insurance and if an unregistered player is injured, they are not covered and must use their own insurance.

Fourth of July – Nominations for Grand Marshal are: Al Brintz, Gerard Garofalow and Rose Shulein. Voting will take place at the May meeting of the Fourth of July citizens committee.

Easter Egg Hunt – The egg hunt went well. Diane Maglione said that even though there were 4,200 eggs this year, the Board will add even more next year. She is thinking about having the older kids hunt for their eggs first and then have the younger kids go when they are done. It will be much easier to weed out a larger child trying to sneak into the younger division. She is also considering moving the older kids past the bathrooms to space things out better. The National Honor Society was a great help in filling the eggs and have volunteered to help out next year as well as help with any other activity the Board needs assistance with.

Holiday Display Contest – No action at this time. The contest seems to have run well last year. There were no complaints from residents. The Board will check on what prizes are available for this year.

Wish Tree – No action at this time. It went very well last year. Some organizations took some of the tags and the DPW was especially helpful and picked up the gifts this year.

Tree Lighting – No action at this time. Mercedes Haines will speak with Parties for Peanuts to see what suggestions they might have for characters available for the event.

Rag-A-Muffin – No activity 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.

Adult Trips/Activities – No activity at this time.

Ping Pong – Session III had started but due to a maintenance issue in the room used for the program, the program was forced to end until further notice. Refunds will be issued if the room ends up being unavailable. Sue Chak would like to continue in the summer but so far has not been able to locate any place to run the program. There has been no further update on the availability of the room.

Basketball – Hal Bomzer explained that the program has been running in the red due to increasing expenses. The registration needs to be raised to cover the costs of scorers/timers as well as general maintenance of the equipment. A motion was made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by David Urbay to increase the registration fee to \$55.00 per child and \$45 for each additional child. Late fee will be \$60 (no discounts for additional children). Early bird fee will be \$50 per child and \$40 for additional children. All voted in favor of this motion.

Hal is going to contact the company that does maintenance on the backboards to come annually to do whatever is necessary to maintain them in good condition.

Early bird forms have been distributed to first grade students. There is a separate form for clinic this year so parents will know the child must be in second grade as of September. The rest of the early bird forms will be mailed to all players that were registered last year.

Hal would also like to offer the school the option to have the Board sponsor a competitive 7&8 team since there will no longer be a school team. David Urbay even volunteered to coach the team. David and Hal will speak to Mike Raimondi, the Athletic Director, to see if he is interested. One foreseeable problem could be transportation.

Hal also said he is making a minor rule change. In the last two minutes of the game, there will be stop time for all whistles. It will be true stop time as per high school rules. There will be no substitutions for 3/4 boys.

Scott Garris said allowing a few first grade players in the clinic did not work well last year. The younger players were not ready for clinic and he feels this year the clinic should follow the second grade only policy. Hopefully, the new form for just clinic should help stop the few players that “sneak” into the clinic in only first grade.

Tennis – Barry Ruback (568-3946) runs this program, which is taught by All Pro Tennis Staff. Registration was scheduled for Thursday, May 12, 2016, from 7-8 p.m. at Fellowship Park. Lessons will take place on Fridays. Session 1 will run May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 17 and Session 2 will run July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. Lessons are for ages 6 - adults. Fee is \$75.00 per session. The permit is in from the DPW and the Board has use of two courts, Courts # 3 & 4. The high school has preference on May 20 and 27 until 6:00 p.m. on Courts #1, 2 and 3.

Adult Fitness Camp – Rodney Craft spoke with ETS about a fitness program for adults but has not heard anything new from them.

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, or on Facebook: @t2sbasketballacademy. Larry is running some sessions two days a week. The Board will reach out to Larry to find out if the fee is different for RP residents than instructions he offers to participants that are non-residents. The Board was of the understanding that RP residents were to receive a discount as it was a Board sponsored activity.

Summer Fitness Camp – Rodney Craft will again run a summer fitness camp as follows:

Age Groups:

2nd Grade (Fall 2016) to 8th Grade

Campers will be broken up into groups based on age and skill level.

Camp Dates:

Tuesdays through Thursdays

Week 1: July 5th - July 7th

Week 2: July 12th - through July 14th

Week 3: July 19th - through July 21st

Location: Veterans Park – Turf Field

Time: 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Cost:

\$25.00 for 1 Week

\$30.00 for 2 Weeks

\$35.00 for 3 weeks

All checks should be made payable to Ridgefield Park Board of Recreation

Registration Dates and Locations:

Saturday, June 4th (10:30am – 01:00pm) Picnic Area Veterans Park

Pre-Register using this link: <http://goo.gl/forms/eVVlp6YyTH>

Rodney also advised that the Board of Recreation's storage container at Veteran's Park has a hole again. He put some ice shield on it but since there are kids constantly playing on top of the containers it must have come off. It needs to be repaired or replaced. Also, the town lock on it also needs to be replaced. Hal tried to use it and had to spray a bunch of WD40 and use a hammer to get it open last week. It even bent the key. It is working for now but with a little rain it will stick again. An email will be sent to the DPW.

Treasurer's Report - Beginning balance as of April 30, 2016 was \$14,515.85, total deposits for month were \$6,880.00 total expenses for month were \$3,140.00, leaving a balance of \$18,255.85. A detailed report is in the file. There was one returned check from the softball program. A letter was sent requesting a new check in the amount of \$82.00, but no response was received. A motion was made by Mercedes Haines and seconded by Lloyd Domke to approve the Treasurer's report. All were in favor of this motion.

1) There will be a new payment system in place for instructors hired by the Board to run a program. After the checks come in, they will be deposited and the payment to the instructor will be made by voucher submitted to the Village Clerk's Office. Payment will not be made until the Village has a copy of the W9 form and tax ID number as well as a copy of the Business Registration Certificate if applicable. This will apply to Ping Pong, Tennis and T2S Basketball. They will all receive an email advising them of the new system. The forms can be faxed, emailed or mailed to the Clerk's Office.

2) Kaitlyn Maglione and Tom Strowbridge were reappointed with terms expiring in 2019. The Board also welcomed back Gil Bell, who was on a medical leave and was also reappointed. His term also expires in 2019.

Old Business – 1) The Board will have the procedure to conduct background searches in place before the next program begins. The contract has been signed and sent to Verified Volunteers to get the program in place before the summer fitness camp starts. Volunteers will all receive a notice about how they can register to have their background check done. The Village will pick up the \$40.00 cost for the background check. This background check will be active for one year and a monthly search will be done to make sure the volunteer maintains a clear status to work with the youth for that period. It is recommended that the background check is done annually. The process for the volunteer to register will take only three minutes. All volunteers will be required to have a background check done. The Village will be billed monthly for the service.

2) Members were also reminded of the importance of attending meetings. Under the by-laws if a member does not notify the Recording Secretary or President of absence and provide reason for absence, it will be considered an unexcused absence and member will be considered absent from meeting. Members will only be excused from a meeting if they notify the Secretary of their absence and provide an acceptable excuse for absence. Acceptable absences include illness, family obligation, work related absence, attendance at another Board of Recreation function held at the same time as the meeting and requires permission from President to attend event in lieu of meeting. If a member cannot make a meeting, they are to contact the President or Recording Secretary and provide a valid excuse for absence. Members are required to attend six meetings per year in order to be considered an active member.

A motion was made by Tom Strowbridge and seconded by Scott Garris to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 16, 2016. If there is a quorum, elections will be held at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

cc: Commissioner Adam MacNeill

Barbara DeLuca