

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.**

**BOARD OF RECREATION  
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY  
MARCH 17, 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 31st<sup>th</sup> day of December 2015. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Diane Maglione, Scott Garris, Mercedes Haines and Kaitlyn Maglione. Hal Bomzer, Jimmy Coloma, Rodney Craft, Lloyd Domke, Mike Ruiz, Tom Strowbridge and David Urbay were excused.

The minutes of the February 18, 2016, meeting could not be approved as there was no quorum.

**Correspondence:** None received.

**Hearing of Citizens:** None present.

Activity reports were as follows: As there was not a quorum, regular business was not conducted. This month's meeting was used to fill the eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, March 26, 2016.

**Bowling –** Nothing to report.

**Wrestling –** Uly Encarnacion will attend next month's meeting to give an end-of-year report.

**Girls' Softball –** Registration forms were distributed in the schools; however, there were only 2 registrations received. The two registrations were returned.

**Women's Softball –** Packets went out to all teams. Completed registration packets are due March 31, 2016. Registration forms and fees were sent to the BCASU. There will be 6 teams this year.

**Fourth of July –** Nominations for Grand Marshal are being accepted now. Al Brintz was nominated so far.

**Easter Egg Hunt –** The eggs were filled tonight with the help of some students from the National Honor Society as well as Susan Ruiz. The students that came were quite helpful. Another session was scheduled for March 23 to complete filling the eggs. Everything is set for the hunt. Mary Koegel dropped off the supplies she was storing for the Board. The candy was purchased and the Easter Bunny has confirmed he is available. The Ambulance Corps was reminded to come at 8:00 a.m. on March 26, 2016.

**Holiday Display Contest –** No action at this time.

**Wish Tree –** No action at this time.

**Tree Lighting –** No action at this time.

**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 is running now. Sue would like to continue a program in the summer. She also wants to send the Board a written proposal for a possible yoga class in the summer.

**Basketball** – Hal Bomzer was unable to attend tonight's meeting but sent the following report: Basketball season ended well. We had probably our quietest year as there were no real problems. Some coaches needed to be reminded of protocol, but no major flareups with them or parents. We did need to remove a parent from the 3/4/5 girls final for getting on refs, but it went without incident. Even the weather wasn't bad--one snowstorm and all games were made up. Having TJ gym even for 2 hours a week really helped. Players seemed really well behaved, as there were very few technicals.

Division heads reminded to get their books in by week's end.

We still scramble for referees from time to time and we should keep our eyes out for new ones for next year.

Elvis has agreed to do 5/6 boys next year and he recommended someone to Hal for next year for 3/4 boys. Hal will pursue that before the next season starts.

Hal would like to know all the money that went in and out of the program this year (not counting the backboard and scoreboard repairs). We are paying scorers/timers out of a surplus but we need to know if we are running in the negative because of it. We may have to raise the fee next year if registrations don't cover uniforms, equipment, trophies and scorer/timer fees.

**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 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](mailto:t2sbasketballacademy@gmail.com), or on Facebook: @t2sbasketballacademy. Larry is running some sessions two days a week.

**Treasurer's Report** - Beginning balance as of February, 2016 was \$24,638.06, total deposits for month were \$268.00 total expenses for month were \$4,459.32, leaving a balance of \$20,446.74. A detailed report is in the file. There was one returned check from the wrestling program last month. A letter was sent requesting a new check in the amount of \$57.00, but no response was received yet.

**New Business** – None at this time.

**Old Business** – The Board needs to work out the details on conducting the background checks with Commissioner MacNeill. The Board participated in a webinar on February 10 on background checks conducted by Verified Volunteers. The shortened version of what their services would include is:

- Primary source – current county, state, local, arrest records, sheriff's office
- Nationwide (all addresses will be found)
- Du Sjoedin (NSOPW) – sex offender gold standard
- Advanced authentication
- References
- Credit checks
- MVR's – driving records

Verified Volunteers feels that fingerprinting is no longer the gold standard of vetting. Databases are not required to be updated and many are not updating on a regular basis. They feel they get more information by layering various methods of obtaining criminal records. The cost of \$40.00 includes a monthly update on each volunteer for one year. Background checks must be FCRA compliant so permission to conduct a background check is only good for one year. It takes about 1-2 days to get information back from a search.

Verified Volunteers will advise that the background search is “clear” meaning the volunteer is eligible or advise that the volunteer is ineligible meaning the organization then decides if it is comfortable allowing the volunteer to work with the children. The volunteer must be advised of what information is gathered and then has the option to either contact Verified Volunteers to get things corrected. The organization will be advised the information has been corrected or the organization can decide they are not comfortable allowing the person to work with the children.

The volunteer would log in online and complete a three minute process to allow the Board to conduct a background check. These checks can also be shared with other organizations if permission is given by the volunteer.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 21, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

cc: Commissioner Adam MacNeill

Barbara DeLuca