

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2008, at 7:00 P.M.**

**BOARD OF RECREATION  
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY  
March 13, 2008**

President Diane Maglione called the meeting to order at 7:15 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 on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2007, and sent to the Star-Ledger on the 21st day of December, 2007. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Diane Maglione, Gil Bell, Hal Bomzer, Tom Essig, Mary Koegel, Leigh Rivera and Frank Zaccherio. Carlos Carames, Rich DePena, Lloyd Domke, and Mercedes Haines were excused. Commissioner Poli stopped by the meeting.

A motion was made by Leigh Rivera and seconded by Hal Bomzer approving the minutes of the March 13, 2008, meeting.

**Correspondence:** Letter from the Mayor thanking the Board for running the Easter Egg hunt; letter from Rich Brown of the Ambulance Corps. regarding the Easter egg hunt.

**Hearing of Citizens:** None present.

Activity reports were as follows:

**Bowling** – Nothing to report.

**Wrestling** - Mary Koegel has a DVD of the season in case any member would like to view it. Tom Essig said there was a problem with the party that needs to be cleared up in the future by the program supervisor. Tom will work out the details with the supervisor next year to make sure everything is in order.

**T-Ball** – The season has begun and is currently underway now.

**Girls' Softball** - The season has begun and is currently underway now.

**Summer Sandlot Baseball Program** – No activity at this time.

**Women's Softball** – All packets are in and the shirts will be picked up tomorrow. Frank Zaccherio said he will distribute the shirts to the teams. There is a player that signed up to play but is moving to North Carolina. She did order a shirt but has never practiced with the team and will not play in any games. Since the season did not start yet, Frank would like to issue a refund.

A motion was made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Mary Koegel that a refund be made under these circumstances minus the cost of the shirt. All were in favor of this motion.

One of the concerns last year is that when it came to the playoffs that the players in the playoffs be required to play in seven games before the playoffs. The teams must keep an accurate record in case there are any questions as to a player's eligibility.

If a player gets injured, an email must be sent to the Board of Recreation so that the Board can issue an email notifying all teams. Also, a doctor's note will be necessary in order to return.

An email will be sent to Matt McArow of GJEM asking if a player listing a certain medical condition needs clearance to play.

Frank Zaccherio said he would like to have six teams in the playoffs. Playoffs will begin June 30. An email will be sent to all teams advising that the regular schedule and playoff schedules have been distributed. There will be no cancelling of games unless there are extenuating circumstances (not a simple scheduling conflict), which must be agreed upon in advance. If a team plays in more than one league, they must decide which game they will forfeit as there will be no scheduling changes due to game conflicts. Games must be played as scheduled in order for the playoffs to start on time. Playoff games will not be rescheduled due to scheduling conflicts.

There is a new form issued by our insurance company that must be filled out in case of injury. An instructional cover sheet for the forms will be attached. All injured players should receive the form and cover letter. Teams must also notify the Board if there is an injury to make sure all claims are processed. Frank has the new form to give to each team. An email will be sent to all teams regarding injured players. This form should be filled out for any injury and the police report will be used if the police and/or ambulance are required for an injury.

**Fourth of July** – Harry Graves, Sr., and Bob Carlson have been nominated for grand marshal. Voting will take place in May. The Board is eligible to vote.

**Easter Egg Hunt** – Mary Koegel explained that she had to speak to the Ambulance Corps. regarding the behavior of some of its members at the Easter Egg Hunt who were disruptive and rude, breaking eggs, hiding eggs they broke in half, etc. Mary wrote a letter to Rich Brown to express her disappointment and inquire if the Ambulance Corps wanted to continue working together on this activity. Rich Brown wrote a letter of apology to the Board and the Mayor for the behavior of these members and advised that the Ambulance Corps. made a decision not to award any LOSAP points for the Easter Egg Hunt due to the poor conduct of some of their members. The Ambulance Corps. will continue to work

with the Board on this activity in the future.

Mary Koegel will look into purchasing a new Easter bunny costume.

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

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

**Tree Lighting** – The Board is looking into purchasing affordable risers to use for this event.

**Rag-A-Muffin** – No activity at this time.

**Adult Trips/Activities** – No activity this time.

**Ballroom Dancing** – Registration forms will be out for session four.

**Basketball** – Checks have been issued for the season.

Lloyd Domke and Gil Bell were asked by some of the girls to run a summer rec league. GJEM Insurance has some questions regarding organizing a possible summer program such as how many kids and teams and the age groups, when will the league start and finish, are out of town kids participating, will there be any traveling involved, how many referees. Gil will work on a notice to put on the internet, in the Patriot and reach out to former players to see how much actual interest there is in a possible summer program. It was decided that it would be good timing if the program coincided with the summer recreation program, which runs from June 30 – August 8.

A bill came in from Corby Associates for the repair to the backboard, which will be split with the Board of Education. Hal Bomzer will work on this with Mike Alberque.

**Tennis** – Barry Rubach (568-3946) runs this program.

**Treasurer's Report** - Beginning balance as March 2008, was \$14,583.69, total deposits for month was \$12,050.00, total expenses for month were \$3,919.53 leaving a balance of \$22,714.16. A detailed report is attached.

**New Business** – Diane Maglione said she would like to look into doing background checks like other Boards conduct. It is especially important since these adults are working with children. The Police Department would conduct the checks and coaches would have to sign a waiver to have the background check done. The only information that would then be given to the Board is that a person is not cleared to coach. Diane will look into this and the logistics of running these checks.

**Old Business** – None at this time.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 15, 2008.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Hugo Poli