

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2008, at 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
February 21, 2008**

Vice President Mary Koegel called the meeting to order at 8:00 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 on the 21st 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: Gil Bell, Lloyd Domke, Tom Essig and Mary Koegel. Diane Maglione, Hal Bomzer, Carlos Carames, Rich DePena, Mercedes Haines, Leigh Rivera and Frank Zaccherio were excused.

A motion was made by Gil Bell and seconded by Lloyd Domke approving the minutes of the January 17, 2008, meeting.

Correspondence: Letter from sign committee regarding purchase of new message board.

Hearing of Citizens: None present.

Activity reports were as follows:

Bowling – Nothing to report.

Wrestling - The program should end this week. There were a few minor injuries. An EMT from Ridgefield Park is used at any tournaments held in Ridgefield Park. There were three traveling tournaments. Charlie Ferrara has been keeping Tom Essig up-to-date on all activities.

T-Ball – Registration was held in February.

Girls' Softball - Registration was held in February. Lloyd Domke said that Mook Iannacone advised him that the Sports Association (through the high school) will be running various camps for softball, basketball and volleyball this summer. Each team should be running a one-week camp for each sport.

Summer Sandlot Baseball Program – No activity at this time.

Women's Softball – Packets were emailed to all team managers on January 3, 2008, with instructions that only complete packets would be accepted and must be returned by March 1, 2008, to the Clerk's Office or either Tom or Barbara. As of yet, there are no packets in the Board's possession.

Fourth of July – Harry Graves, Sr., and Bob Carlson are nominated for Grand Marshal.

Easter Egg Hunt – Easter egg hunt will be held on March 22, 2008. The poster contest will be held on March 13, 2008.

Holiday Display Contest – No activity at this time.

Wish Tree – No activity at this time.

Tree Lighting – No activity at this time.

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

Adult Trips/Activities – Frank Zaccherio got tickets for a Nets game, Harlem Globetrotters and the circus. Harlem Globetrotters game was a success.

Ballroom Dancing – There are currently 12 participants in this session. The third session began on January 27, 2008. The flyer will be changed to notify participants that if there are not 15 participants, then the price will have to increase to make sure the program is self-funding.

Basketball – Season is almost over. Everything has been going well so far with just a few incidents, which have been taken care of. First-half payments have been given to the Clerk's Office. Trophies are in. Playoffs will take place in March.

Gil Bell said some players have approached him and they would like to know if a summer league could be run outside in Veteran's Park. They would also like to see a travel team in the summer and a high school age rec league for grades 9-12. They would like to see this run as an outdoor league. Lloyd Domke said that in the past there was a group from Little Ferry that got their own insurance and had used Lincoln School to practice. This is something that the Board can discuss at a later date. Outdoor leagues usually only use one referee. The Board will also have to look into costs for insurance to run a summer program.

Lloyd Domke said that instead of buying shirts to match each team that the Board should buy one color for all coaches so that if a coach has more than one team, they can use the same shirt or even use a shirt for more than one year. The cost for coaches' shirts is very high for this program and it would be an easy way to cut down costs.

Tennis – Barry Rubach (568-3946) runs this program. He left a message on the voicemail that he will send a list of all instructors prior to starting up again as well as a copy of the flyer for the Board.

Treasurer's Report - Beginning balance as of January 2008, was \$16,978.21, total deposits for month was \$720.00, total expenses for month were \$1,690.00, leaving a balance of \$16,008.21. A detailed report is attached. There was one bounced check that the Board has been unable to recoup.

New Business – There is a solicitation for a new message board in front of the municipal building. It will be a new digital signboard. The Board would like to offer payment for its use of the signboard. The new sign will cost \$7,000.00. A formal motion will be made at the next meeting to approve a \$600.00 cost of sign usage fee from the Board.

Old Business – None at this time.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 13, 2008.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Hugo Poli