

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2007, at 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
APRIL 19, 2007**

President Diane Maglione called the meeting to order at 7:20p.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 sent to The Record on the 27th day of December, 2006, and to the Star-Ledger on the 27th day of December, 2006. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Hal Bomzer, Tom Essig, Mary Koegel, Diane Maglione, and Leigh Rivera. Gil Bell, Carlos Carames, Rich DePena, Lloyd Domke and Frank Zaccherio were excused.

A motion was made by Tom Essig and seconded by Hal Bomzer approving the minutes of the March 15, 2007, meeting with a change to the basketball section that a player is removed from the game, not the rotation, after nine fouls.

Correspondence: Letter from Rutger's Cooperative Extension regarding health-related educational programs for 2007; letter from the Bergen County Division of Senior Services regarding physical activity workshop, which will be forwarded to the Board of Health, and unsigned note offering suggestions for alternative adult activities.

Hearing of Citizens: None present.

Activity reports were as follows:

Bowling – Nothing to report.

Wrestling - Charlie Ferrara advised Tom Essig that his predecessor told him that uniforms, tournaments, parties and trophies were included in the registration fee. Charlie ordered 46 participation trophies for \$270 because he thought this was done every year. Trophies were never a part of the budget. There was a concession stand and Charlie later learned the profits went to varsity wrestling, not recreation. Tom told Charlie that the Board would take care of this bill this year and recoup it next year. Registration fees will have to be raised next year to cover the increasing costs. Tom said he would go over the expenses with Charlie next year prior to the start of the season.

T-Ball – Lloyd Domke was not present to give a report. Uniforms were ordered.

Girls' Softball - Lloyd Domke was not present to give a report. Uniforms were ordered and Tom Essig will pay an invoice in the amount of \$1,840.00 for the uniforms. \$2,230.00 was collected in registration fees. \$550.00 in equipment

was ordered. The current registration fee is \$35.00 and the girls get to keep sock, shirt and visor and return the pants. Next year the registration fee will need to be increased due to increasing expenses. Tom Essig will let Lloyd know how much is left in the budget for the end of year party.

An email was sent to Matt McArow of GJEM Insurance inquiring if paid officials are covered for events they work at. No answer was received yet. The Board of Recreation will ask Commissioner Poli if he can find out the answer to this question.

Summer Sandlot Baseball Program – No activity at this time.

Women's Softball – There are nine teams in the league this year. The status of the packets is as follows:

Completed packets: Grasshopper, Vitale's, Vipers

Items needing attention:

Back in Black – two bounced checks must be recouped in order for these players to participate

Bergen Chiro – waiting for additional funds

Snapple Apples – waiting for additional \$10

Them – missing one registration fee of \$85

Jack's – missing \$60

Always on Top – missing forms and registration fees

Frank Zaccherio said that he ordered the shirts and the season should begin this weekend. Schedules were distributed. Frank was informed that no team can participate unless forms and fees are handed in.

Fourth of July – Nominations for grand marshal are Anthony Cireolo, Ed Wahl and Bob Carlson. Voting will take place on May 14, 2007 at 7:30 and the Board is entitled to one vote.

Easter Egg Hunt – The Easter Egg hunt was held on April 7. The hunt went well with some minor problems. There is a problem on the hills with kids crossing over into another division. Next year the DPW will be asked to put up a barrier between these two divisions. There is also a problem with parents going into the hills no matter how many times they are asked not to. Notices for the poster contest will be more detailed so that entrants will know they must follow size rules. Stores do not want to hang up posters that are too big or 3-D.

Holiday Display Contest – There are some prizes that are not picked up each year and from the same address. The Board will try to note these addresses to see if the people want prizes. Next year, the Board might ask entrants to phone in their registration to make it easier to judge. It was also discussed about possibly having a personalized ornament made as a prize for the contest.

Wish Tree – TD Northbank is now located at 245 Main Street.

Tree Lighting – The Board had a discussion about how to set up the scouts and chorus to ease congestion. There is a safety issue in crowding in so many scouts in such a small space. The tree has grown and the amount of scouts is continually growing. The Board needs to work out logistics for this event. The Board will also get a price for a possible speak so that the chorus can be heard.

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

Adult Trips/Activities – Frank Zaccherio is currently selling tickets to Champions on Ice at the Continental Arena on April 28. Lower level tickets will be \$20.00. Currently, Frank only has 11 ticket orders so if he doesn't reach the minimum requirement, the Board will make up the \$5.00 difference in ticket prices. It was also suggested that in the future tickets be left at the municipal building and people can pick them up and sign that they received them to eliminate trouble in delivering them.

Basketball – The traveling team at Hoop Zone is underway and played their first game last night. For anyone interested in the traveling schedule it is on the hoopzone.com site. Early registrations forms will go out before school ends.

Tennis – Barry Rubach (568-3946) runs this program. The Board has not received any copies of any flyers.

Treasurer's Report - Beginning balance as of March 2007, was \$15,107.47, total deposits for month was \$7,972.50 total expenses for month were \$4,084.43, leaving a balance of \$20,535.54. There were two returned check for women's softball, which will be recouped. A detailed report is attached.

New Business – None at this time.

Old Business – None at this time.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 17, 2007.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Hugo Poli