

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2007, at 7:00 P.M.**

**BOARD OF RECREATION  
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY  
JANUARY 18, 2007**

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 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, Carlos Carames, Lloyd Domke, Tom Essig, Mercedes Haines, Mary Koegel, Diane Maglione and Leigh Rivera. Rich DePena, Gil Bell and Frank Zaccherio were excused.

A motion was made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Mercedes Haines approving the minutes of the November 16, 2006, meeting.

**Correspondence:** Thank you from Diane Maglione for the get-well gift. Susan Cerniglia sent a letter regarding stolen property while her son was in school. Thank you from Mike Molaro for the holiday gift.

**Hearing of Citizens:** None present.

Activity reports were as follows:

**Bowling** – The fall league is in session. The next session will begin in February. Lloyd Domke said fliers were distributed in the public schools and he will check to make sure St. Francis also received fliers.

**Wrestling** – Charlie Ferraro is running the program this year. All registration forms and received were given to the Board.

**T-Ball** – Registration will be held at Roosevelt School on February 3 and 10 from 10:00 a.m. – noon and at Lincoln School on February 2 and 9 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Dates for use of the field were given to Commissioner Boyd.

**Girls' Softball** – Registration will be held at Roosevelt School on February 3 and 10 from 10:00 a.m. – noon and at Lincoln School on February 2 and 9 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Registration will close on March 1. Dates for use of the field were given to Commissioner Boyd. Lloyd Domke anticipates an increase in participation this year. Little League said they are not having a girl's program this year and are directing players to the Recreation league.

Tom Essig said that Jon Vincenti advised him that there would be a meeting on April 11 at 8:15 at Ridgewood High School for any program using the BCASU. Lloyd said he would like to use the association for the older girls.

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

**Women's Softball** – Frank Zaccherio advised Diane that he would like to take care of the shirts himself. Diane said he must order directly from the list that is received in the registration packets and that all players must receive a shirt this year. She told him he must check the order carefully to make sure there are no mistakes and that shirts are received by every player before the season begins.

Registration packets were mailed to all teams on January 9 and are due March 1. A set of rules was mailed but Frank Zaccherio said he would be updating them with Peggy Schneider.

**Fourth of July** – No activity at this time.

**Easter Egg Hunt** – The Easter Egg hunt will be held on April 8 this year.

**Holiday Display Contest** – Judging took place on Friday, December 22, 2006. Prizes were handed out at the January 9, 2007, Commissioner's meeting. Prizes for those not attending were left in the Clerk's Office with instructions that they needed to be picked up within the next week. There were some addresses that were incorrect. This year there were 28 prizewinners.

**Wish Tree** – Diane Maglione said there was some confusion when the bank notified Mary Puleio that there were no gifts this year. They had thought she was talking about the Toys for Tots program. All ornaments were taken this year and distributed.

**Tree Lighting** – Tree lighting took place on December 3, 2006, at 5:30 p.m. Everything went well this year with the exception of some complaints from the crowd because too many scout leaders were standing inside the barricade and would not move when told parents could not see their children. Mercedes Haines notified Mary Ellen Domke, scout coordinator of this problem. Thank yous were sent to all involved. The bicycle was won by Shadia Jaludi, a fourth grade student at Grant School. Total number of entries was 155 broken down as follows: Grant-6; St. Francis-26; Lincoln-39 and Roosevelt-84.

People said they still couldn't hear the chorus singing. Next year the Board will look into the cost of possibly getting speakers.

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

**Adult Trips/Activities** – Frank Zaccherio scheduled two more Nets games for January 4 and January 15. He also will be selling tickets to the February 10 game. Frank also plans on running tickets for the circus in February.

**Basketball** – There was a question as to procedures in the younger division about excessive fouling. Younger players cannot foul out but in a recent game one player got 16 fouls and caused the game to run 30 minutes late with foul shots. Hal Bomzer said it would need to be addressed if one player has excessive fouls and presents a danger.

There is also a player who seems to be participating in the 3/4 boys division that may not be registered. He has been hanging around the team and is not a team member. Hal Bomzer said he was unaware of this and will look into it.

Hal advised that once teams are made up players are only put on a team when there is a need if they are not on the waiting list. If an addition will upset the team, it will not be allowed.

Carlos Carames said that a parent brought his attention to a problem but would not fill out a complaint form. Leigh Rivera said she was present for the “non-incident” and it didn’t need to be looked into.

The 7/8 division is going fine. The kids are improving as the season progresses. Payments for the first-half of the season are due and should be distributed in February. Diane Maglione encumbered funds for this payment.

**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 November 2006, was \$15,914.92, total deposits for month was \$2,670.00, total expenses for month were \$1,357.23, leaving a balance of \$ 17,227.69. A detailed report is attached. Beginning balance as of December 2006, was \$17,227.69, total deposits for month was \$3,980.83, total expenses for month were \$4,837.00, leaving a balance of \$16,371.52. A detailed report is attached.

**New Business** – The Board received some telephone calls from students in Mr. Savino’s class regarding the opening of a teen center. Mr. Savino would like the Board and his class to work together to open a teen center. Mr. Savino was advised that the Board has previously inquired about it with the Board of Commissioners and were unsuccessful. Mr. Savino will be advised that due to lack of personnel and funding, the Board thinks it best if his class approaches the Board of Commissioners first.

**Old Business** – The Board thought that it might be good to hook up Kevin Rooney of Total Golf Adventures with the high school golf coach, who could

make arrangements for a location for this program. The Board would be the sponsor for insurance purposes but thought that the golf coach might be interested in running this program, similar to the wrestling program. The information was passed onto Michael Alberque, Athletic Director.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 15, 2007.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Hugo Poli