

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2006 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
April 20, 2006**

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 16th day of December, 2005, and to the Star-Ledger on the 16th day of December, 2005. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Gil Bell, Lloyd Domke, Tom Essig, Mary Koegel, Diane Maglione, Leigh Rivera and Frank Zaccherio. Hal Bomzer, Rich DePena and Mercedes Haines were excused. Commissioner Hugo Poli was also present.

A motion was made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Rich DePena approving the minutes of the March 16, 2006, meeting.

Correspondence: Since the letter from Rose Scheideler was addressed to the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Hugo Poli responded to the letter last month rather than the Board.

Hearing of Citizens: None present.

Activity reports were as follows:

Bowling – The program is running now. Flyers were dropped off to St. Francis.

Wrestling – Bills were submitted for \$250 for Twin County Junior Wrestling in Lodi; \$225 tournament fee for Hasbrouck Heights; two officials for \$80 each, Tom Bonk, Athletic Trainer for \$80 each day for home tournaments and Brian Maggio \$50 as wrestling director (this bill will not be paid as the Board does not pay the volunteer program directors).

Last year the ambulance corps. was on duty. This year the program did not notify the ambulance corps. so they were not used. In the future, Tony Gonzalez has been notified that the ambulance corps. needs two weeks notice and will have a separate member who is not on duty to stand by at these meets to treat any injuries. This member will replace the paid athletic trainer. If an ambulance is needed, it will be called to the scene.

Additional registration fees were finally sent but no registration forms were sent for these players. Diane Maglione asked Tony Gonzalez for the paperwork so she can pay the outstanding bill to Emerson. The funds will come out of registration fees for this year. Tony said he would get it to Diane. Next year, things will have to be different. The wrestling program will have to be run

according to proper procedures. Registrations and forms will need to be submitted on a timely basis. A letter will be sent to Tony Gonzalez prior to registration outlining the procedures that need to be followed in this program.

T-Ball – The program is scheduled to begin April 22, weather permitting. Shirts and hats are in. There are approximately 27 participants. Lloyd Domke will run this program.

Girls' Softball – Weather permitting, the season will begin April 22. Lloyd Domke distributed a schedule for the two teams. Lloyd will need payment for four games and will be using the BCASU for the older girls. He will find out who the checks should be payable to and notify Tom Essig. Diane Maglione will encumber funds for the umpires. The fee will be \$50 per game for 9 games (older division) and there is a \$25-35 registration fee for the association. Lloyd will not be using the association for the younger girls. He will get umpires for these games at a fee of \$35 per game.

Practices have begun. Things have been going well. The younger girls will be coached by Frank Quinones and Brian Haines will help. There are approximately 30 girls in the program. Shirts, pants, socks and visors are in. The pants will be returned at the end of the season. Diane will also voucher funds for equipment. Lloyd will not be giving out trophies but will have an end-of-season picnic.

Summer Sandlot Baseball Program – Diane believes that Carlos Carames is still waiting for the insurance certificate for this program.

Women's Softball – Frank Zaccherio said that he has about ten teams registered. The program is scheduled to begin April 30. Tom Essig needs the registration fees and forms in order to issue any checks for this program. Frank said that he still has to see some coaches to get the forms and fees. The new Village rule requiring lights to be turned off at 10:00 p.m. in all parks was explained to Frank and also that it will be strictly enforced by the Village. It was explained to Frank that his players would either get charged for keeping the lights on past 10:00 p.m. or possibly lose their permit. Frank said he would take care of this. Frank said this league would begin their games as soon as Little League was done with their game.

Diane Maglione also explained to Frank that all Village budgets are getting cut. The basketball program now pays for its own equipment. He will have to cut the budget for this program as well. Women's softball will have to pay for their own equipment and the Village will not pay for playoffs or trophies. Registration fees must be increased to include the equipment. Less games will need to be played. Diane said she ran into some players who said all they want was to play each team twice and did not necessarily need a playoff or a trophy. Frank said that he might explain to the teams that if they want playoff games, then they must pay for the umpires themselves.

Frank said that he could cut back by not giving shirts to everyone. Diane did not think that was a good idea since shirts are included in the registration fee. Frank said not everyone wants a shirt. The cost to run women's softball cannot go up this year. There is a \$600 and a \$400 fee to register for the umpire organization. Frank said that normally each team pays their own registration fee and sometimes the team makes the check out directly to the association. Tom Essig will need either the \$60 from each team or a copy of their check to the BCASU for his records. It costs \$55 per umpire per game. Frank needs to give a copy of his roster and signed registration forms to Tom Essig. The \$600 for equipment will come out of registration fees. Frank said he could also cut down on food costs for the end of year party.

Diane will encumber funds for 180 games @ \$55 for the season. This would be each team playing each other twice. Playoffs fees will be paid out of pocket by each team.

Fourth of July – No activity at this time. Nominations are being accepted for Grand Marshal.

Easter Egg Hunt – Everything went well with the exception of one minor incident where a child had two prize eggs and the adult wanted both prizes. The rule is one prize per child. The RP Patriot was there to take pictures. Thank you letters were sent to the Ambulance Corps. and IGA for their assistance. The stores were not that cooperative with accepting posters that were over 8 ½ x 11 in size. Next year, the Board will clearly state that size rules will be enforced.

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 has nothing planned at this time.

Basketball – The program is over. Final checks have been sent to the referees/scorers/timers.

Regarding last month's letter from Mr. Gaetani to the Mayor and Board of Commissioners, Mercedes Haines gave a copy of the consent agreement signed by both parties at the neighborhood dispute board and police records to indicate that there should be **no** contact between the parties (Haines and Gaetani). This will be kept on file. The Board will abide by any court order as it pertains to Board functions only.

There is a boys 7/8 traveling team coached by Guido Acosta and Julio Urbay. This team will play out of Hoop Zone. Shirts and shorts were ordered for this team. All expenses will be covered by the players. There will be no expense to the Board for this activity. There are 14 players registered for the team. Registration fees in the amount of \$1,400 were collected. Hoop Zone charged \$950 in registration fees for this team. The Board will check with Guido on two players that don't appear to be on the master list of players since past practice required members of the traveling team to have played during the regular season.

Tennis – Barry Rubach (568-3946) runs this program and the Board has no information as to when the program will resume.

Treasurer's Report - Beginning balance as of March 2006, was \$9,934.97, total deposits for month was \$1,820.00, total expenses for month was \$2,802.20 leaving a balance of \$8,952.77. Beginning balance as of April 2006, was \$8,952.77, total deposits for month was \$825, total expenses for month as of April 18 was \$345.15 leaving a balance of \$9,432.02. A detailed report is attached.

New Business – None at this time.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Hugo Poli