

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2006 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
January 19, 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: Hal Bomzer, Lloyd Domke, Tom Essig, Mary Koegel, Diane Maglione and Leigh Rivera. Gil Bell, Rich DePena and Frank Zaccherio were excused.

A motion was made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Mercedes Haines approving the minutes of the November 17, 2005, meeting.

Correspondence: Letter from Mayor Fosdick regarding tree lighting, list of newsletter deadlines for 2006

Hearing of Citizens: None present.

Activity reports were as follows:

Bowling – The fall season has ended and the winter season will begin shortly. It appears that St. Francis has not been getting flyers. Lloyd Domke said that his daughters participate and he will speak to Bowler City about including St. Francis.

Wrestling – There is still a problem with an outstanding bill from two years ago when Mr. Raimondi was running the program and did not submit a bill on a timely basis to get paid. Tony Gonzalez says that Emerson is still looking for payment for this outstanding bill. Diane Maglione will discuss this with Tony Gonzalez. The wrestling program is smaller this year and Tony Gonzalez feels there are not enough skilled members to justify spending \$250 to enter a tournament when only two members are able to participate. Tony Gonzalez said he has gotten some negative feedback from parents. The two parents were upset but he said he could not justify such a large expense to the program for only two participants. He advised the parents that if they felt their boys needed to participate that they could use the Board's insurance and split the fees themselves. They chose not to participate.

T-Ball – No activity at this time.

Girls' Softball – Lloyd Domke will be running the softball program this year and Gil Bell will assist him. Lloyd said that he has spoken with Hackensack and is

looking into joining a league that several other towns also participate in. He needs to get all the details regarding this league but feels this is probably the league he will work with. A letter will be sent to Commissioner Boyd requesting field time. The program will need a field with a light since they must be able to offer home games in order to participate in this league. Registration fees will be \$35.00 this year. The Board will look into getting pants (which must be returned) and shirts and socks that the girls can keep. The Board will check on the status of the permit for use of the Grant School gym from February 1 – April 30 for practice. The Board will also request a permit for use of Hobart Street Park for the month of March. Chestnut Street Park will also be requested from March – June 30 from 5:00 p.m. to dusk on weekdays and 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. on weekends. Lloyd said that he ran into Alan O’Grady and asked about cleaning up Chestnut Street Park.

Summer Sandlot Baseball Program – Carlos Carames will be running this program again this year. A letter was sent to Matt McArow of GJEM in October 2005 requesting proof of insurance. No response has been received to date. Carlos needs this before he can participate in this league. Commissioner Poli will be asked to see if he can get a copy of the insurance certificate for the Board.

Women’s Softball – No report available at this time.

Fourth of July – No activity at this time.

Easter Egg Hunt – The poster contest will take place at the March 16, 2006, meeting and the Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 15, 2006.

Holiday Display Contest – The contest will be held on December 23, 2005. Prizes were awarded at the January 10, 2006, Commissioner’s meeting. There were a couple of calls because some of the addresses listed on the winner’s list apparently were wrong. Frank Zaccherio was not present to ask about the contest.

Wish Tree – Kaitlyn Maglione chaired this event. Last year the bank did not put the ornaments on the tree. This year a poster was made to put the ornaments on but the bank decided to hang the ornaments. All ornaments but four were taken and the Board took care of the remaining four ornaments. Kallie Maglione will handle this event next year.

Tree Lighting – The tree lighting was held on Sunday, December 4. Everything seemed to go very well. The only complaint was that the chorus could not be heard in the back of the crowd. Mercedes Haines will try to work on situating the speakers so that the chorus can be heard. The timing of the tree lighting was changed a little this year so that there would be more light available for the scouts when they sang. That seemed to also work out better this year.

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

Adult Trips/Activities – Frank Zaccherio has nothing planned at this time.

Basketball – The program is running well so far. There have been a few problems with conflicts between referees and coaches, which have been cleared up. Hal Bomzer has sent out several memos reminding coaches of appropriate behavior. The program is very large and the problems are few. First-half payments should be going out sometime next week and hopefully checks can be cut in February.

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

Treasurer's Report - The treasurer was not present to give a current balance. The Clerk's Office is still looking for Frank Zaccherio to turn in his books to them.

New Business – None at this time.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 16, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Hugo Poli