

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2004, AT 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
FEBRUARY 19, 2004**

Vice President Mary Koegel called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 29th day of December, 2003, and to the Star-Ledger on the 29th day of December, 2003. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Hal Bomzer, Rich DePena, Tom Essig, Mercedes Haines, Catherine Jacob, Mary Koegel and Leigh Rivera. Diane Maglione and Paula DiMeglio were excused. Frank Zaccherio was absent. Andy Scheideler was also present for the meeting.

A motion was made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Mercedes Haines approving the minutes of the January 15, 2004, meeting.

Correspondence: None received.

Hearing of Citizens: None present.

Activity reports were as follows:

Bowling – No new information at this time.

Wrestling – No new information at this time.

T-Ball – Rich DePena will be chairing this program again. Registration will be held at Roosevelt School on February 27 and 28.

Girls' Softball – Registration is scheduled for Roosevelt School on February 27 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and February 28 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Members available to help on Friday night are: Mary Koegel, Leigh Rivera, Mercedes Haines and Catherine Jacob. Saturday: Tom Essig, Leigh Rivera and Catherine Jacob. The request for fields was sent to Commissioner D'Auria.

Summer Sandlot Baseball Program – Registration has taken place and players can still register until April. Carlos Carames said that he has two full teams and all Ridgefield Park players were able to remain on the same team. He will come to the next meeting to give a report. The players are now practicing on Sundays at M&M Recreation Center.

Women's Softball – No activity at this time. Frank Zaccherio paid the last umpire bill from Board of Recreation funds. The Board will be reimbursed by the Village for this expense.

Fourth of July – No activity at this time.

Easter Egg Hunt – Mary Koegel said that IGA will donate the eggs but did not order any candy for this activity. She will have to shop around for the candy. A letter was sent to Ralph Lella reminding him of the date of the Easter Egg Hunt. Members will meet at 8:00 a.m. on April 10, 2004.

Holiday Display Contest – Frank Zaccherio distributed the awards at the January 13, 2004, Commissioner's meeting. A list of winners is on file.

Wish Tree – The wish tree was handled by Kaitlyn Maglione

Tree Lighting – No activity at this time.

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

Adult Trips/Activities – Frank Zaccherio did end up ordering tickets for the Harlem Globetrotters as requests came in after the meeting. Tickets are on sale for a circus trip on March 4, 2004, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will cost \$15.00/\$10.00 (\$8.50/\$7.50 savings) and will be on sale until February 16.

Basketball – The first payment to all scorers/timers/refs will be made in mid-March and the next payment will be made in mid-May by the Clerk's Office.

The clinic will be skipping March 6 and ending on March 13. The school is available a little longer to the clinic for whatever they choose as their year-end activity. 3/4 division will be done by March 14. The playoff schedules have been sent to all division heads, schools and Cindy Hammond. There will be consolation games for all losers in this division.

5/6 girls division ends March 13 – no change due to Lincoln.

5/6 boys – there are some changes due to Lincoln. If Lincoln reopens early, the games will be changed to Lincoln but the schedule will remain the same.

7/8 boys and girls – will be delayed a few weeks so that the playoffs can be held at Lincoln School gym when it reopens. The 7/8 boys and girls playoffs will be delayed until March 15, which is when Lincoln is expected to be available. Those divisions won't finish until March 27.

Hal Bomzer will order the trophies after he gets the final count on boys and girls in the program.

As far as the height adjusters that were going to be purchased for Roosevelt School, the Board was informed that this is not possible due to structural problems. Height adjusters are not an option at this school and new adjustable backboards are the only option for Roosevelt School.

Hal Bomzer advised that Commissioner Storer approved the purchase of a portable scoreboard. It is currently being used for the 7/8 boys' games in the high school. It will also serve as a backup in the future if any of the other scoreboards break down. A voucher will be submitted to reimburse Hal for this expense. There was some trouble with the Roosevelt scoreboard, which had to be fixed on the spot and caused a 40-minute delay.

Andy Scheideler was present to give a report on the 3 /4 boys division. There is one undefeated team and the rest of the teams seem to be evenly matched. There has been a lot of progress shown by the players. All schedules have been distributed. There was a minor problem with playing style by one team that is considered taunting and the coach was informed that if it continued, it would result in a technical foul being called on the team. Andy advised that he stopped by the ambulance corps. to pick up some ice packs to replenish the first aid kits. He suggested that perhaps two first aid kits be at each school, one for first aid supplies and the other for just ice packs.

Rich DePena said that the 7/8 girls season was going well. The only concern was the last five minutes of the game are hard to play in the smaller gym with the relaxed rules during this period.

Hal Bomzer noted that he has received much cooperation from Ralph Lella and the janitor staff with the changes necessary due to the loss of Lincoln's gym.

Tennis – Barry Rubach (568-3946) called to say he would like to run this program exactly as last year beginning the first week in April. He will take care of distributing the notices.

Treasurer's Report - No report as the treasurer was absent.

New Business: Nothing at this time.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 18, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Storer