

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2004, AT 7:00 P.M.**

**BOARD OF RECREATION  
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY  
JANUARY 15, 2004**

Vice President Mary Koegel called the meeting to order at 7:15 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, Mercedes Haines, Mary Koegel, Leigh Rivera and Frank Zaccherio. Diane Maglione, Rich DePena, Paula DiMeglio and Tom Essig were excused. Catherine Jacob was absent. Commissioner Storer was also present for the meeting.

A motion was made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Mercedes Haines approving the minutes of the November 20, 2003, meeting.

**Correspondence:** A letter was received from the Clerk's Office regarding the Village Newsletter. The deadlines for the Village Newsletter for this year are:

| Deadline    | Delivery Dates    |
|-------------|-------------------|
| February 13 | March 20 - 28     |
| May 14      | June 5 - 13       |
| August 20   | September 18 - 26 |
| October 22  | November 20 - 28  |

A thank you card for the acknowledgment of sympathy was received from the family of Rita Zaccherio.

**Hearing of Citizens:** None present.

Activity reports were as follows:

**Bowling** – No new information at this time.

**Wrestling** – Registration forms and fees were turned into the Board. There are 22 registered participants.

**T-Ball** – No activity at this time.

**Girls' Softball** – No activity at this time. Leigh Rivera will meet with Catherine Jacob to set up a registration date. This year third grade girls will be included in the softball division. Use of schools form needs to be sent in for registration.

**Summer Sandlot Baseball Program** – Flyers will be distributed in the schools shortly. Mary Koegel thought it might be a good idea if the forms were returned to the Board so that the Board would know who was participating and then forwarded to Hackensack.

**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** – No activity at this time.

**Holiday Display Contest** – The contest was held on Friday, December 19, 2003. 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. Next year, Mary Puleio would like to put two tags for each participant on the tree.

**Tree Lighting** – Tree lighting was held on December 7, 2003. Thank you notes were sent to all that assisted. Extra ballots will be placed in the Board of Recreation cabinet to be used for the bicycle raffle.

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

**Adult Trips/Activities** – Frank Zaccherio had advertised tickets for a Harlem Globetrotters game, however, there was no interest. The next activity he will run will be 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** – Mary Koegel has replenished the supplies for the first aid kits. Hal Bomzer will hold onto the extra supplies until they are needed.

There was a flood at Lincoln School caused by a burst pipe, which has ruined the gym floor. The gym will not be available for at least four weeks while the gym floor is replaced. All schools have been extremely cooperative in allowing extra games to be played to accommodate the loss of the Lincoln School gym.

The 5/6 boys and 7/8 girls divisions will be moved to Roosevelt School. Principal Roy Schrupf has allowed the program to run until 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays so that the 5/6 boys games can be played there.

Ralph Lella has been extremely sympathetic to the situation the Board is faced with and has offered the use of the high school gym for three Saturdays so that the 7/8 boys division can play their games there. Everyone has been notified of

the changes. Thank you letters will go out to all those who have been so extremely cooperative to make the program run as smoothly as possible.

The clinic is running very well and has 42 participants. Most have showed up for the clinic. The addition of the two coaches, one from the Harlem Wizards and the former college coach (both who have no children participating) has been an asset to the program. Commissioner Storer suggested that the Board get a token of appreciation for these coaches since they have volunteered to help with the program and do travel a distance weekly to work with the Village children.

Hal Bomzer advised that there was a slight change to the rules regarding technical fouls. If a player (or coach or spectator) receives a technical foul in two consecutive games, they will sit out the remainder of the second game rather than being suspended for the next game. If a player (or coach or spectator) gets two technical fouls in the same game, they will still be suspended from the next game. The change in the rule comes because if a player gets a technical foul in two consecutive it could be from a referee calling a tight game (no slamming ball down, no mouthing off to referee, etc.) This is the intention of the rule and the Board does not want a referee to worry about suspending a player from a future game and not calling the foul for that reason to avoid too harsh a punishment for the offense.

The rule on the wearing of jewelry is also being adhered to closely for the safety of the players and all coaches have been advised to remind their players of this rule. An incident occurred whereby a player was wearing a large exposed earring during a game and was asked to remove it for her own safety. The earring was too large to cover with a bandaid and the player chose to not play rather than remove the earring. The only instance where an earring can be covered up is if the ear was recently pierced and is a small post earring, however, the Board really prefers that no jewelry at all (other than for medical or religious purposes) is worn during an activity. This is for the safety of all players.

**Tennis** – Barry Rubach (568-3946) ran this program during the summer, however, no current information is available.

**Treasurer's Report** - The balance as of the last deposit is \$9,138.00. The Board will be reimbursed for the umpires fees for the women's softball program.

**New Business:** Nothing 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 19, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

cc: Commissioner Storer

Barbara DeLuca