

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2009, at 7:00 P.M.**

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
MAY 21, 2009**

President Diane Maglione called the meeting to order at 7:11 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 published in The Record on the 31st day of December, 2008, and sent to the Star-Ledger on the 31st day of December, 2008. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Diane Maglione, Mary Koegel, Tom Essig, Gil Bell, Hal Bomzer, Rich DePena, Lloyd Domke, Mercedes Haines, Mike Ruiz and Frank Zaccherio. Carlos Carames and Leigh Rivera were excused.

A motion was made by Mike Ruiz and seconded by Hal Bomzer approving the minutes of the April 16, 2009, meeting.

Correspondence: Letter from Mayor Fosdick thanking the Board for the Easter Egg Hunt, permits came in for Roosevelt School for the crafts class.

Hearing of Citizens: none present

Activity reports were as follows:

Bowling – Nothing to report. No one has seen any forms for the program.

Wrestling - Diane Maglione ran into Tony Gonzalez who informed her that he would not be submitting a bill for the new uniforms until the printing is repaired. The procedures will be sent to Mr. Neubert so that things are done properly next year. Diane also informed Tony that the Board will set the registration fee after a meeting to discuss procedures. Registration will be held in September and the Board will be advised of date prior to registration. An email will be sent to Mr. Neubert to confirm that the registration will be adjusted after a discussion with the Board, which can be done by email during the summer.

T-Ball – The season seems to be running although some weeks there are only about 5 kids showing up.

Girls' Softball - Mercedes Haines said that a parent on the younger team advised that the coach is not holding practices. Tom Essig has requested an itemized bill so he can see what has been spent on this program. Lloyd Domke arrived a little later into the meeting and said the program is running well. Mike Ruiz also arrived later and said that practices are being held for the younger team and he has witnessed this. There are about 5 girls that have been invited to participate in a traveling team with Little Ferry. Invitations were based on skill

levels due to it being a competitive league and parents are aware of this. New forms will be signed for these girls.

Summer Sandlot Baseball Program – No activity at this time.

Women's Softball – Next year it needs to be made clear to all teams that additions cannot be made without first consulting the Board. If a player leaves the team before the start of the season, a change can be made with Board permission. Once someone is on the roster, any changes will be considered new players and a form and fee must be submitted before any participation.

There are some procedural problems this year.

- 1) Line-ups are supposed to be turned in for both teams after each game. This is not being done by most teams. Four teams have not sent in any line-ups to date: Bergen Chiro, Vipers, Jack's and Back in Black. Grasshoppers has sent in one game out of 7; Harley's, Jersey Girlz and Lanigans are the only teams that have sent in line-ups consistently. If line-ups are not turned in before the mid-point of the season, those teams will not receive credit for these games and will not be eligible to participate in play-offs.
- 2) Players cannot be added to any teams once there are fewer than 7 games left in the schedule. No roster revisions will be accepted at this point.
- 3) Any team that is not paid in full will be suspended from playing until all fees have been paid and must forfeit any game until payment is made.
- 4) If someone leaves a team for any reason once the season has started, the new player must pay the registration fee. The Board must be notified of all changes before anyone participates and proper forms must be submitted to the Board.

Fourth of July – Bob Carlson has been selected as Grand Marshal.

Easter Egg Hunt – No activity at this time. Mary Koegel has the costume and will decide what she wants to do with it for next year. A parent called and wanted their child's poster returned and Mary Koegel will take care of this.

Holiday Display Contest – Frank Zaccherio has delivering the remaining two prizes that were not picked up.

Wish Tree – No activity at this time.

Tree Lighting – The Board will order another set of risers.

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

Adult Trips/Activities – Nothing at this time.

Ballroom Dancing – Due to lack of interest, lessons are not currently being held. Diane Maglione suggested that the Board look into possible student classes for next year. She thought it might be of interest to St. Francis students for their eighth grade dance next year. An email will be sent to the dance studio to see if they would be interested.

Adult Craft Classes – There was no interest in the student's class but one sign-up for the adult class, which is currently being held.

Basketball – Early bird registration forms will be going out shortly. Forms will be dropped off to current first grade students and mailed to past players. The fee for the first player needs to be increased by \$5 to make sure all expenses are covered. Early bird fees will be \$35 per child and \$20 for each additional child for forms received by August 14. Forms received after August 14 will be \$40 per child; \$25 for each additional child. Tryouts will be November 2 and 3 at Lincoln School.

The Board of Education has sent their half of the repair bill back to reimburse the Board for the backboard repair at Grant School.

Rich DePena is running the traveling division. The season is running well. There are not a lot of wins but the players don't seem discouraged and seem to be enjoying themselves. Some parents have asked if the season could continue throughout the summer. Rich said he will look into the possibility of either entering another league or entering some tournaments.

A motion was made by Rich DePena and seconded by Frank Zaccherio to continue the summer traveling program if there is an interest. It will follow the same rules and procedures as the current travel program. The same players will be on the teams. All were in favor of this motion.

Tennis – Barry Rubach (568-3946) runs this program. Barry Rubach stopped at the DPW to discuss the permit. The Board sent a letter to Commissioner MacNeill requesting use of the tennis courts on June 5, 12, 19 and 26 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Treasurer's Report - Beginning balance as of April 2009, was \$25,313.75, total deposits for month were \$8,890.00 total expenses for month were \$7,540.51, leaving a balance of \$26,663.24. A detailed report is attached. A motion was made by Frank Zaccherio seconded by Mercedes Haines accepting the Treasurer's report.

New Business – None at this time.

Old Business – None at this time.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 18, 2009.**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Rich DePena and seconded by Gil Bell to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Hugo Poli

****Members are asked to check their calendar and advise if they are available for a meeting on June 18, 2009.**