

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2005, AT 7:00 P.M.**

**BOARD OF RECREATION  
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY  
MAY 19, 2005**

President Diane Maglione 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 31st day of December, 2004, and to the Star-Ledger on the 31st day of December, 2004. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Diane Maglione, Hal Bomzer, Rich DePena, Leigh Rivera and Frank Zaccherio. Tom Essig and Mary Koegel were excused. Mercedes Haines was absent.

A motion was made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Leigh Rivera approving the minutes of the April 21, 2005, meeting.

**Correspondence:** A letter was received from Mayor Fosdick thanking the Board for running the annual Easter Egg Hunt.

**Hearing of Citizens:** None present.

Activity reports were as follows:

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

**Wrestling** – There was an outstanding tournament bill from last year that the program coordinators forgot to turn in. The mistake was on the part of the coordinators and the Board cannot pay a bill from last year. There has been no further word on refurbishing the mat and there are currently no funds to cover this.

**T-Ball** – The program has been running well. Rich DePena will check inventory to see if there are any extra bats and helmets that he can use for the program otherwise he will order them for next year.

**Girls' Softball** – The program has been running well. They are trying to avoid using Veteran's Park to avoid any conflicts. Most games are played in Hackensack. Most participants are in the older division and are not on a school team. Jim Maglione and Gil Bell will discuss a date for the picnic.

**Summer Sandlot Baseball Program** – Hackensack has again opened their program to Ridgefield Park. The only thing required from the Board is proof of insurance. All registration fees are paid directly to Hackensack. The program is no cost to the Board.

**Women's Softball** – The season has begun. Players need to remember that lights need to be out at 10:00 at Hobart Street field. The total budget for the program is \$6,400.00.

**Fourth of July** – The voting for Grand Marshal is Monday, May 23.

**Easter Egg Hunt** – The hunt went very well this year. Mary Koegel still has some outstanding bills to turn in.

**Holiday Display Contest** – No activity at this time. This year there were 20 prizes for homes, which might have to be lessened next year.

**Wish Tree** – There was one problem this year because the bank did not put up the ornaments right away and never put up a sign-up sheet to see who took the ornaments. Kaitlyn Maglione will try to straighten this out this year.

**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 Board is looking into the possibility of purchasing a permanent scoreboard for Roosevelt School to replace the portable scoreboard, which is in constant need of repair. A new scoreboard would cost approximately \$2,000.00 and would require installation and some type of protective covering. Hal Bomzer said that he would contact Principal Roy Schrupf and Supt. John Richardson to discuss this possible purchase and installation.

A motion was made by Rich DePena and seconded by Leigh Rivera to purchase a new scoreboard for Roosevelt School costing approximately \$2,000.00 pending approval by the Board of Education to install same. All were in favor of this motion.

A discussion was held on the possibility of raising the registration fees to help cover the increasing costs of the program. A motion was made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Rich DePena to raise the basketball registration fee to \$35.00 for the first child, \$25.00 for additional children, early registration fee would be \$30.00 for first child, \$20.00 each for additional children until August 15 and late registration would be \$40.00 for first child and \$30.00 for each additional child (\$5.00 late fee). All were in favor of this motion.

Frank Zaccherio will check into submitting a bill to reimburse the Board for equipment that was purchased for the past year.

Use of facility forms for next year were turned into the Board of Education.

**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 current balance is \$7,434.00. The Clerk's Office is requiring that separate totals be kept for each activity so that a running balance is available for each program complete with a list of receipts and expenses.

**New Business** – The Board is awaiting word on appointments.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 16, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Storer