

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2006 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
November 17, 2005**

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 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: Gil Bell, Hal Bomzer, Rich DePena, Lloyd Domke, Tom Essig, Mary Koegel, Diane Maglione and Leigh Rivera. Mercedes Haines and Frank Zaccherio were excused.

A motion was made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Leigh Rivera approving the minutes of the October 20, 2005, meeting.

Correspondence: None.

Hearing of Citizens: None present.

Activity reports were as follows:

Bowling – No new information at this time.

Wrestling – Mark Maggio from the high school will be running the program this year. Registration was held and eleven players were registered. Players in 7th and 8th grade are covered by the school's insurance. The younger players are covered under Board of Recreation. GJEM will be asked to provide proof of insurance. Fliers were dropped off in Little Ferry and the public schools but apparently not St. Francis. \$250 was already encumbered to enter the Twin County Junior Wrestling League. The program has discussed getting new uniforms and sweatsuits. Diane Maglione informed Tony Gonzalez that if the Board buys the sweatsuits, they must be returned. This year, Ridgefield will also be joining the program as the high school teams now wrestle together.

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 will be holding registration during the month of January at basketball games. He has contacts with other towns and will work on organizing this league. This year Bogota will most likely be playing as well. This year the program will look into getting pants (that must be returned) for the players. Lloyd will work on getting together a list of needed equipment.

Chestnut Street Park will be needed for a practice field as well as a field at Veteran's Park for the girls to play on. Lloyd will get together a list of dates he would like fields so that it can be submitted to Commissioner Poli.

The Board will request a permit from January 1 – April 30 for Grant School for softball practices.

Summer Sandlot Baseball Program – No activity at this time.

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

Fourth of July – No activity at this time.

Easter Egg Hunt – No activity at this time.

Holiday Display Contest – The contest will be held on December 23, 2005, this year. Frank Zaccherio will chair this event again. Diane has encumbered funds for this event. Frank can order 12 prizes for the house decorating and 3 grand prizes. He can spend up to \$540 on prizes.

Wish Tree – Kaitlyn Maglione will chair this event again. Hopefully, the bank will put the tree and ornaments up early this year.

Tree Lighting – The tree lighting will be held on Sunday, December 4, at 5:30 p.m. Mercedes Haines will chair this event again and has contacted everyone for this event. This year songs will be provided by the high school pep band, chorus, Robert Bannon and the scouts. Members need to arrive a little earlier this year as the activities begin at 5:30. Mercedes will send out fliers in the schools.

Rag-A-Muffin – The parade was held on October 29, 2005. The new line of parade worked much better this year. Next year, Diane will again have the DPW place the reviewing stand at Cedar St., facing west, and closer to the northern island. This way the younger entrants can start lining up on Euclid Avenue behind the reviewing stand. They'll walk up to the break in between the islands closer to Mt. Vernon St., and walk back towards Hobart St. in front of the stand. All divisions should continue walking past the stand and to the next island where the candy will be given out. The Board needs to make sure it makes a note of all visitors so that everyone is announced who is in attendance. A list of winners is attached. Two trophies were missing but they were replaced and delivered to the winners.

This year there were approximately 120 entries. Divisions were are as follows:

Division One – 24
Division Two – 29
Division Three – 22

Division Five - 8
Division Six - 2
Division Seven - 11

Division Four – 19

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

Basketball – Registration is now closed. Any registrations received are now placed on a waiting list.

The certification class was held on November 16 at Lincoln School's library. Numbers need to be submitted by November 21, 2005 as shirts will begin printing at 9AM. All schedules have been distributed. Only Lincoln School will be used on February 18.

A coaching clinic run by Mr. Gaskin of the high school will be held on Tuesday, November 22 at Lincoln School Gym @ 7:00pm. It is strongly suggested that all coaches attend. The scorers/timers clinic is Wednesday, November 30, at Lincoln Gym, at 7:00pm SHARP. The mandatory coach/referee meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 30 at 7:30 (Lincoln gym) immediately after the scorer/timer clinic. All teams must be represented and attendance will be taken. Many rules (REC and H.S.) will be discussed and there will be ZERO tolerance during the season for any coach giving referee a hard time on anything covered at this meeting. It is important to get all those who will ref to this meeting as well. We need everyone on same page in order to move forward and continually improve this program.

Gil Bell said that he was approached by St. Francis to see if he was interested in playing some scrimmage games with the 7/8 girls. Gil will make arrangements for these games.

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 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. Books need to be turned in by January 1, 2006, for an audit.

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, January 19, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Hugo Poli