

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2006, @ 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
OCTOBER 19, 2006**

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 16th day of December, 2005, and to the Star-Ledger on the 16th day of December, 2005. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Gil Bell, Hal Bomzer, Carlos Carames, Mercedes Haines, Lloyd Domke, Tom Essig, Mary Koegel, Diane Maglione, Frank Zaccherio. Rich DePena and Leigh Rivera were excused.

A motion was made by Carlos Carames and seconded by Gil Bell approving the minutes of the September 21, 2006, meeting.

Correspondence: Thank you from Diane Maglione for the get-well gift.

Hearing of Citizens: None present.

Activity reports were as follows:

Bowling – The fall league should begin shortly.

Wrestling – Diane Maglione still hasn't heard anything from the high school. A letter will be sent to Tony Gonzalez asking him to send the person who will be running wrestling to either a board meeting or just an executive board meeting so that everything can be ironed out before the program gets started and also to remind him to include St. Francis School in the flyer distribution.

T-Ball – No activity at this time.

Girls' Softball – No activity at this time. The Board needs to keep up to date on the issue of aluminum bats.

Summer Sandlot Baseball Program – No activity at this time. Carlos Carames said he is waiting to hear from Hackensack for tentative registration date in February. This year 13-15 year olds will be added.

Women's Softball – The party was held on October 7. Frank Zaccherio said there are 150 women in the league and anticipated 75-100 at the party and only 67 showed up. Tom Essig advised that if there are 150 players next year, the registration fee will be \$85 each player, if there are 120 players – registration fees will be \$95. The Village will not pay for any umpire fees next year. The

Village will only pay for equipment and insurance. Frank will invite someone from the BCASU to the November meeting to discuss their fees.

Fourth of July – No activity at this time.

Easter Egg Hunt – No activity at this time.

Holiday Display Contest – Judging will take place on Friday, December 22, 2006. It was suggested that people who do not come to the meeting to get their prize pick it up in the Clerk's Office.

Wish Tree – Diane Maglione spoke to the bank representative. TD North Bank is looking forward to hosting the Wish Tree. Kallie Maglione will get the ornaments to them as soon as Mary Puleio prepares the list. The bank said they would put out the ornaments as soon as they get them. The bank will be at its present location this season and will then merge with Interchange Bank at 245 Main Street. They anticipate continuing to host the tree at their new location.

Tree Lighting – Tree lighting will take place on December 3, 2006, at 5:30 p.m. Members should meet at 5:00 p.m. Mercedes Haines has contacted everyone except for Voorhees Funeral Home and Father Gene. She will speak to John Tymon from the fire department about bringing Santa. The tree will be lit before Santa arrives to provide extra light for the singers. Mercedes will also speak to the DPW about getting another speaker or two so that everyone can hear the singing.

Rag-A-Muffin – Flyers went out in the schools. Trophies are in. Candy is ready. The parade is scheduled for Saturday, October 28 at 11:00 a.m. Diane will be available for the announcing this year. Members should meet at Euclid Avenue at 9:00 a.m. DPW and police have been notified.

Adult Trips/Activities – Frank Zaccherio would like to start up some ticket sales again this year. The first activity will be two Nets games. One will be on November 18 and the other December 11. This year the Nets have added something new. For an additional \$5 you can purchase a food coupon, which allows you to buy a hot dog and soda. Also for an additional \$5 you can purchase a giveaway ticket, which will give each ticket holder a Vince Carter jersey. Flyers will go out in the schools shortly.

Basketball – Diane Maglione stated that this year the Board would enforce the policy of only listening to complaints when given in writing. Board members should now refer anyone calling their homes or questioning them on incidents to fill out a form so that the Board can respond to the incident or invite that person to come to a public meeting. This should help put an end to anonymous complaints that cannot be verified.

There is a change in procedure this year as far as the starting information sent to players and parents. This year a letter, code of conduct and rules will be sent to each player, however, they will not be signed and returned as in the past. Each coach must now meet with the parents of all players to go over rules and have each parent sign-off that they have read and understand the rules. No player will be permitted to play in a game until they have signed-off on this form.

Evaluations are scheduled for November 7 (boys 3-6 grades) and 8 (all girls and 7/8 boys) at 6PM. All available members are needed for this night.

The certification class will take place on Tuesday, November 14 at the high school library. A list of people taking the class needs to be turned in by November 1.

Shirts sizes, colors and numbers are due on November 20. If a team does not turn in their list that morning, their numbers and colors will be assigned for them and they will not be guaranteed to receive shirts for the first game.

Hal Bomzer would like to buy a dozen high school rulebooks so that they are available to division leaders and referees in case he is not present at a game. This should help them to understand the rules better.

Mercedes Haines will run the clinic this year but does need help. Hal asked the Board if anyone was available to assist Mercedes on Saturday mornings. Gil Bell said he would try to help but couldn't promise every week. Carlos Carames said that his son could probably help. Mr. Gaskin from the high school will be contacted about assisting in this division as well as running another coach's clinic.

A mandatory meeting of all coaches, referees, scorers and timers will be held on November 29.

Rich Brown from the ambulance corps. offered to teach the proper use of the defibrillators to coaches from the Board if there is an interest. Mary is not sure if you need to be CPR certified before you can use the defibs. There was also a discussion about if and how many coaches were CPR certified. Mary Koegel needs to find out how many interested parties there are and will then contact Rich about setting up a class.

Tennis – Barry Rubach (568-3946) runs this program. The Board has not received any copies of any flyers.

Treasurer's Report - Beginning balance as of September 2006, was \$14,516.05, total deposits for month was \$450.00, total expenses for month were \$103.35, leaving a balance of \$ 14,822.75. A detailed report is attached.

New Business – None at this time.

Old Business – Regarding the Football Association's request for an additional \$500.00 stipend, no decision has been made on this yet. The cheerleaders aid that their cheering uniforms need to be replaced due to wear and tear and the advanced physical maturity of some of the girls and they cost \$225.00 each. Lou Artuso, on behalf of the football association was requesting additional assistance as the cost of football equipment has also skyrocketed.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 16, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Hugo Poli