

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2007, at 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
OCTOBER 18, 2007**

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 27th day of December, 2006, and to the Star-Ledger on the 27th day of December, 2006. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Gil Bell, Hal Bomzer, Carlos Carames, Lloyd Domke, Tom Essig, Leigh Rivera and Rich DePena. Mary Koegel, Mercedes Haines and Frank Zaccherio were excused.

A motion was made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Leigh Rivera approving the minutes of the September 20, 2007, meeting.

Correspondence: None.

Hearing of Citizens: None present.

Activity reports were as follows:

Bowling – Nothing to report.

Wrestling - No one has contacted Diane yet but they usually don't until football is over.

T-Ball – No activity at this time

Girls' Softball - No activity at this time

Summer Sandlot Baseball Program – No activity at this time. The person who previously ran this program for Hackensack is ill and Carlos will be in contact with the new person.

Women's Softball – The season ended a little earlier than last year. There were still some problems with the shirts.

Fourth of July – No activity at this time.

Easter Egg Hunt – No activity at this time.

Holiday Display Contest – Any resident or business that wants to enter must register. This will eliminate the people that are not interested getting chosen and

not bothering to pick up their prizes. Barbara is looking into a few companies to get personalized prizes. There will be limits as to the number of winners.

Wish Tree – TD Banknorth is now located at 245 Main Street. Kallie and Kaitlyn Maglione will handle the wish tree.

Tree Lighting – The tree lighting will take place on December 2, 2007. Mercedes Haines will be checking into getting risers. Boulevard Productions will be supplying the sound system for the night. It will be rented.

Rag-A-Muffin – Parade will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27 at 11:00 a.m. Members should meet at 9:00 a.m. Rain date is Sunday, October 28 at 2:00 p.m. Trophies were ordered. Judges are all lined up and candy is ready.

Adult Trips/Activities – Nothing planned at this time.

Ballroom Dancing – It looks like people want to continue and if there is interest, classes will be extended.

Basketball – Basketball is pretty much running on course. Start up letters will go out next week and Hal Bomzer will receive the final rosters on October 25 so that he can meet with the division leaders on October 26 at Hose 4 to decide how many teams there will be. There will probably be two divisions for the girls again. Lloyd will run the younger girls' division and Gil will run the older division.

A decision was made to not allow any jewelry at all this year. This is to follow school rules. No earrings can be worn even if they are taped over even if they are newly pierced ears. There will be no exceptions. This will be noted in the rules mailed to all players. Hal will also announce this during tryouts.

In addition to acknowledging reading the rules, the reading of the Code of Conduct will also be included in the paper that all parents must sign in order for their child to participate. Division heads will collect these forms from all teams to make sure every parent signs them all. It is important that all parents sign these forms. The biggest problem is usually in the 3/4 divisions because parents don't understand how the program works yet. The only new division leader is Tom Strowbridge.

Evaluations will be November 5 for boys 3-6 grades and all girls on November 6 as well as 7/8 boys. Evaluations begin at 6:00 p.m. Last year there was a problem that 7/8 boys arrived too early to watch the girls and were disruptive. Diane thinks it a good idea to tell the 7/8 boys that they can't enter until at least 7:15 p.m. so the night is not hectic. The girls will then need to leave when their tryouts are over. Late sign ups will be put on a waiting list once it is determined how many teams there are.

The coaches' certification class will be November 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lincoln School library. Names of coaches needing certification need to be turned in by November 2. Scorer/timers meeting will be on November 28 at 7:00 p.m. Coaches/referees meeting will be at 7:30. Division heads should be there at 7:00 p.m. to start signing up scorers/timers.

The Clerk's Office has received complaints dropping off late registrations because the parents feel that their child has been solicited and they don't need to pay the late fee. The parents are not taking these as courtesy calls but rather that the Board wants their child and they are refusing to pay the late fee. These calls are only done because they help make the evaluation night run smoother because then the Board knows how many teams there will be on the evaluation night. It stops the Board from getting bombarded with late sign-ups on evaluation night.

The Clerk's Office will not accept cash. Hal said he does not mind early bird registrations but any form received after the September registration date should pay a \$5.00 late fee. A letter is being sent in all packets advising parents that did not include the late fee that the child will not be placed on a team unless the late fee is paid and the registration was complete.

There was a request by a parent for a child with special needs to remain in the lower division. The Board has no problem with this as it is in the best interest of the child and will not endanger the other players.

Scorers/timers will be paid \$7 per game. Referees are \$25 up to 6th grade and \$30 for 7/8 grades.

Tennis – Barry Rubach (568-3946) runs this program. The Board never received any information from Barry Rubach. Now that there is a high school team, there may be more interest in lessons.

Treasurer's Report - Beginning balance as of September 2007, was \$16,714.32, total deposits for month was \$665.00 total expenses for month were \$2,666.30, leaving a balance of \$14,713.02. A detailed report is attached.

New Business – None at this time.

Old Business – Diane Maglione checked with Wendy Lamparelli to see how everything went with getting the money from the voucher for girls' cheerleading with the understanding that the same amount of money would be put aside for girls' cheerleading and boys' football. She filled out the necessary forms but was then advised by Lou Artuso that she could not accept the money. Mr. Artuso is upset because the Commissioners asked the football organization if the money received by football is split evenly between the girls and boys. Wendy apologized to the Board for the problems caused.

Commissioner Boyd approached Diane to say there are complaints because calls come into the front office and they don't know who to direct them to. Diane explained to Commissioner Boyd that the problem is not with Board of Recreation activities but rather private organizations.

Carlos said he would get six cases of ice packs before the season starts. Hal said he was thinking of putting up caution tape around the mats. This year there is an expensive treadmill on the side of the door that Hal is concerned about. Hal is thinking of putting up caution tape each weekend to close off the entire side to help with control. He might even put a mat by the equipment.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 15, 2007.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Hugo Poli