

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2008, at 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
OCTOBER 16, 2008**

President Diane Maglione called the meeting to order at 7:15 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 21st day of December, 2007, and sent to the Star-Ledger on the 21st day of December, 2007. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Diane Maglione, Gil Bell, Hal Bomzer, Rich DePena, Lloyd Domke, Tom Essig, Mercedes Haines, Mary Koegel and Mike Ruiz. Carlos Carames, Leigh Rivera and Frank Zaccherio were excused.

A motion was made by Lloyd Domke and seconded by Mercedes Haines approving the minutes of the September 18, 2008, meeting.

Correspondence: None

Hearing of Citizens: None present.

Activity reports were as follows:

Bowling – Nothing to report.

Wrestling - The Board has not heard anything from the high school yet. A note will be sent to Mr. Neubert, the new Athletic Director, to ask him who will be heading the program this year.

T-Ball – Nothing to report.

Girls' Softball - Nothing to report.

Summer Sandlot Baseball Program – No activity at this time.

Women's Softball – The end-of-season party was held and about 60 people attended.

Fourth of July – Nothing to report at this time.

Easter Egg Hunt – Hal Bomzer will be looking into a new Easter Bunny costume.

Holiday Display Contest – Prizes were purchased for the contest. There will

be 12 residential prizes, three grand prizes and three business prizes. The residential prizes will be ornaments and the grand prizes will be personalized throw blankets.

Wish Tree – Kaitlyn and Kallie Maglione will handle the wish tree.

Tree Lighting – A discussion was held on the logistics of the evening and a schedule was made up. Santa Claus has indicated that he would like to be present for the entire ceremony. The schedule will be as follows:

5:30 Introduction of Mayor and Commissioners
 5:35 Blessing
 5:40 Toys-for-Tots
 5:45 High School band and chorus
 6:15 Soloists
 6:25 Scouts
 6:30 Arrival of Santa
 6:45 Raffle

Gil Bell will look into getting rotating lights so that there is some light when the high school performs. Mercedes Haines will get the candy canes and arrange with Vorhees-Ingerswersen for the bicycle gift certificate.

Rag-A-Muffin – The parade will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2008, with a rain date of Sunday, October 26, 2008. A memo was sent to the Police Dept. and the DPW to advise of the dates. Trophies are in and Mike Ruiz will make sure they are not broken. Members should meet at Hobart & Euclid at 9:30 a.m. Registration is 10:30 a.m. and the parade begins at 11:00. In the event of rain, the parade will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 26. There will be separate candy available for those with peanut allergies. The Board will try to use community service students to keep the parade moving.

Adult Trips/Activities – Frank Zaccherio is currently selling tickets to three Nets games.

Ballroom Dancing – Notice was sent out for a possible session to begin in September; however, there were not enough participants to run another class. The names of the three participants that did want to take lessons were passed onto Dance With Me Studios to see if they could include them in a different class.

Basketball – Evaluations will be held at Lincoln School on Monday, November 3 for 3/4 & 5/6 boys at 6:30 p.m., and Wednesday, November 5 for all girls at 6:30 p.m., and 7/8 boys beginning at 7:30 p.m. All available members are needed for evaluations nights. Two people are needed at the table and the rest are needed to organize the players. Registration fee at evaluation night is \$50 per child, no sibling discount, no exceptions. Those players registering on evaluation night will

be put on a waiting list only. A new registration form will be made for evaluation night.

Hal Bomzer has all division heads in order. Lloyd Domke and Gil Bell will handle the girls divisions. If another division is needed Mike Ruiz will handle that division. The boys division heads will be Rich DePena/Leigh Rivera, Tom Strowbridge and Bill Gerken.

A meeting will be held on October 29 at 7:00 p.m. at Hose 4 with all division heads. At this time, it will be decided how many divisions and how many teams will be needed. A final roster will be emailed to Hal on October 25.

Rich DePena will be heading up the traveling teams once the season has ended. Gil Bell said he has gotten a lot of positive feedback about holding a summer league and he will look into this.

The coach's certification class will be held on Thursday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m. at Lincoln School in the library. An instruction sheet listing all details will be given to all those attending the class. A list of all coaches attending the certification class needs to be turned in by November 14.

Tennis – Barry Rubach (568-3946) runs this program.

Treasurer's Report - Beginning balance as September 2008, was \$17,730.74, total deposits for month were \$830.00, total expenses for month were \$0 leaving a balance of \$18,560.74 A detailed report is attached.

New Business – Mike Ruiz was welcomed as a regular member to the Board.

Old Business – None at this time.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 2008.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mike Ruiz and seconded by Gil Bell to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Hugo Poli