

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2004, AT 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
SEPTEMBER 14, 2004**

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 29th day of December, 2003, and to the Star-Ledger on the 29th day of December, 2003. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Diane Maglione, Hal Bomzer, Rich DePena, Tom Essig, Mercedes Haines, Mary Koegel, Leigh Rivera and Frank Zaccherio. Catherine Jacob was excused.

A motion was made by Leigh Rivera and seconded by Rich DePena approving the minutes of the May 20 and June 17, 2004, meetings.

Correspondence: A letter was received from Mayor Fosdick inviting the Board to attend an informal discussion about the field situation on October 21 at 7:30 p.m. A letter was also received from GJEM requesting an updated list of sport and participants sponsored by the Board. A letter was received from the North Jersey Media group about sponsoring a team, which was forwarded to the sandlot baseball program.

Hearing of Citizens: None present.

Activity reports were as follows:

Bowling – No new information at this time.

Wrestling – Diane Maglione advised that her son participated in the wrestling program and has yet to contact him about returning his uniform from last year. Tony Gonzalez was contacted over the summer to request information on the program so registration information could be included in the newsletter; however, he never got back to the Board. There is no news on the mat from Tony Gonzalez or information on who will be running the program this year.

T-Ball – No activity at this time.

Girls' Softball – No activity at this time.

Summer Sandlot Baseball Program – The program went well. There is still some activity going on in the fall.

Women's Softball – The season is over and the party is scheduled for October 15 at the Elks Club. The Board of Recreation is paying for the food and the participants are paying for the alcohol, which will be supplied by the Elks.

Fourth of July – No activity at this time.

Easter Egg Hunt – No activity at this time.

Holiday Display Contest – No activity at this time.

Wish Tree – No activity at this time. Kaitlyn Maglione will be doing this as her community service project. Each child will have two ornaments as some people requested an ornament last year and there were none left.

Tree Lighting – No activity at this time. The tree lighting is scheduled for Sunday, December 5.

Rag-A-Muffin – The parade is scheduled for Saturday, October 30 at 11:00 a.m. Trophies were ordered from Ad Manufacturing and have arrived. Notices will be sent out to the schools in October.

Adult Trips/Activities – No activity at this time. Frank Zaccherio is looking into running a Nets game and possibly a hockey game, the circus and a Disney on Ice.

Basketball – Registration will take place at Roosevelt School on October 1 and 2. Evaluations will take place at Lincoln School on November 1 and 2. Early registration took place and approximately 110 registrations were received. Permits were received for all the schools.

Registration forms will be distributed in the schools next week. Sample shirts are available for sizing for registration.

Members will help out on the following dates for registration:

Friday, October 1 (7-9PM) – Mercedes Haines, Leigh Rivera, Hal Bomzer, Rich DePena

Saturday, October 2 (9 – noon) – Hal Bomzer (about 10:30), Tom Essig, Rich DePena

Members will help out on the following dates for evaluations:

Monday, November 1 (6PM – Boys $\frac{3}{4}$ & $\frac{5}{6}$) – Mercedes Haines, Hal Bomzer, Rich DePena, Leigh Rivera, Tom Essig

Tuesday, November 2 (6PM – Girls $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{5}{6}$, $\frac{7}{8}$ & Boys $\frac{7}{8}$) Mercedes Haines, Hal Bomzer, Rich DePena, Leigh Rivera, Tom Essig

A lot of equipment was dropped off at the DPW. Hal Bomzer will check to see what was returned and what needs to be ordered.

Hal Bomzer advised that he had a nice meeting with Dr. Richardson, Ron Weber, Roy Schrupf and Commissioner Storer regarding the new backboards for Roosevelt School. New fiberglass backboards have been ordered and should be installed sometime in September or October. The Board also purchased two portable backboards to replace the backboards that were damaged last season. Hal Bomzer requested that these new portable backboards not be stored in the gym to avoid damage.

Initially, there was a concern about moving the foul line because it was thought that the gym would be made smaller. It was pointed out that the court will remain the same size and that only the backboards would be moved in three feet as a safety concern and only the foul line needed to be moved. The school agreed to remove the old backboards.

There are some ice packs left over to start the season. Mary Koegel is the person who will be restocking first aid supplies and should be contacted when supplies are needed. It was suggested that maybe each division leader carry some ice packs with them to restock on emergencies. Ice packs will be stored in the Board closet in the DARE room, which is accessible 24 hours a day.

Permits were received for all the gyms and will be distributed.

Tennis – Barry Rubach (568-3946) is running this program. Since no complaints were received, the Board is assuming the program went well.

Treasurer's Report - The current balance is \$10,848.00.

New Business: Barbara DeLuca will get a Mastercard application for the Board of Recreation to purchase equipment.

Nominations for officers were as follows:

Nominations and Elections for 2004/2005:

President:	Diane Maglione was nominated by Mercedes Haines, seconded by Tom Essig
Vice President:	Mary Koegel was nominated by Hal Bomzer, seconded by Rich DePena
Treasurer:	Frank Zaccherio was nominated by Mercedes Haines, seconded by Leigh Rivera

Elections were held and by a unanimous vote, the new officers for 2004/2005 are as follows:

President:	Diane Maglione
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Vice President: Mary Koegel
Treasurer: Frank Zaccherio

Commissioner Storer advised that he is looking into posting signs in all parks that permits are necessary for any organized sports activity.

Carlos Carames suggested starting a recreational volleyball program.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 21, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Storer