

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, October 18, 2007, at 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
SEPTEMBER 20, 2007**

Vice President Mary Koegel 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. The notice of change of meeting date was sent to the Record and posted. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Gil Bell, Hal Bomzer, Lloyd Domke, Tom Essig, Mercedes Haines, Mary Koegel and Frank Zaccherio. Diane Maglione, Carlos Carames, Leigh Rivera and Rich DePena were excused.

A motion was made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Tom Essig approving the minutes of the June 14, 2007, meeting.

Correspondence: None.

Hearing of Citizens: None present.

Activity reports were as follows:

Bowling – Nothing to report.

Wrestling - No activity at this time.

T-Ball – No activity at this time

Girls' Softball - No activity at this time

Summer Sandlot Baseball Program – No activity at this time.

Women's Softball – The season is over and the end of season party was held at the Elks Club. There was a call from a player after the season ended asking the Board to note that next year she would like to see the fields more evenly distributed so all teams play an equal amount of games in Ridgefield Park and Bogota. She felt that one team played 14 of 16 games in Bogota and then was forced to play the playoffs on a lighted field in Ridgefield Park and felt this was unfair. She did want to thank the Board for sponsoring the league and said that there were many improvements this year such as having official rosters.

Fourth of July – No activity at this time.

Easter Egg Hunt – No activity at this time.

Holiday Display Contest – The annual Holiday Display Contest will be held on Friday, December 21, 2007. To make judging easier and to ensure that all homes and businesses are included, this year participants must register for the contest. Registration forms are available at www.ridgefieldpark.org or at the municipal building. Registration must be done by December 17 to be included in the contest. Forms can be mailed to the Board of Recreation at 234 Main Street, Ridgefield Park.

Frank Zaccherio said that he had to find a new place for prizes since the place he shopped at is out of business. Gil Bell said he knows of another town that gives a placard for home decorating contests. Frank said he has no problem with any decision reached by the Board for the Holiday Display contest. He will go along with what the Board wants.

It was pointed out that many people do not even bother picking up their prize so registration should eliminate people who really don't care about winning.

Wish Tree – TD Northbank 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 confirmed the date with Father Gene and Mr. Simeon from the high school. She is working on the logistics for the girls scouts. She is trying to borrow risers from the schools to make it easier for the scouts to line up. Additional speakers or microphones will also be looked into to try to improve the volume so that the crowd can hear the singing. This is a major issue since parents complain they can't hear the singing. Mercedes will make final arrangements with 7-11, Vorhees, Truck #2 and the DPW. Last year there were problems with leaders standing in front of the crowd so the crowd couldn't see their children and they refused to move. Mercedes said she would address this with the scout leaders.

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. Mary Koegel advised that St. Francis is also hosting a Halloween event after the parade.

Adult Trips/Activities – Nothing planned at this time.

Ballroom Dancing - Began 8 week session on Sept. 9. Currently 19 participants, program should be totally self-funding. Option to extend program if there is an interest. Polled several participants, all were happy with first class.

Basketball – There are 140 early registrations as of today. The backboards were installed at Grant School in August. They look great and are just like Lincoln's. Hal Bomzer met with Mike Dagletz last week and he is going to install the scoreboard on the wall across from the stage. He will give the Board a switch with a key so no one can use it. It will be done for basketball season.

Registration is next Friday and Saturday at Roosevelt. There is plenty of coverage for registration. Tom Essig said next year there should be no early bird registration discount as it is too hard to keep track of. There are so many registrations that come in with the wrong fee that next year there will be early bird registration but with no discount.

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

Treasurer's Report - Beginning balance as of June 2007, was \$18,261.63, total deposits for month was \$1,071.17 total expenses for month were \$606.17, leaving a balance of \$18,726.63. A detailed report is attached.

Beginning balance as of July 2007, was \$18,726.63.63, total deposits for month was \$1,620.00 total expenses for month were \$1,883.50, leaving a balance of \$18,463.13. A detailed report is attached.

Beginning balance as of August 2007, was \$18,463.13, total deposits for month was \$2,845.00 total expenses for month were \$4,593.81, leaving a balance of \$16,714.32. A detailed report is attached.

New Business – None at this time.

Old Business – None at this time.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 25, 2007.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Hugo Poli