

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2008, at 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
SEPTEMBER 18, 2008**

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 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, Leigh Rivera and Frank Zaccherio. Carlos Carames and Mike Ruiz were excused.

A motion was made by Tom Essig and seconded by Mary Koegel approving the minutes of the June 12, 2008, meeting.

Correspondence: Thank you card was received from Lloyd Domke for the expression of sympathy.

Hearing of Citizens: None present.

Activity reports were as follows:

Bowling – Nothing to report.

Wrestling - Nothing to report.

T-Ball – Nothing to report.

Girls' Softball - Nothing to report.

Summer Sandlot Baseball Program – No activity at this time.

Women's Softball – Frank Zaccherio was not present to give a report. Diane Maglione said that she had told Frank to run a tight ship this year and that no schedule changes should be made unless there were extenuating circumstances. There were some complaints from some teams about changes being made to accommodate personal schedules and not all teams were informed about these changes. Next year, one of the players has volunteered to be the registrar of participants so that there are no questions about who is eligible to participate in the playoffs.

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 – The Board has made arrangements with Boulevard Productions for a sound system for the ceremony, which will cost \$530.00. The Board also received prices for two risers to be used for the scouts. A motion was made by Frank Zaccherio and seconded by Rich DePena to purchase two risers at the cost of \$2,181.71. All were in favor of the motion.

Santa Claus has indicated that he would like to be present for the entire ceremony. Mercedes Haines will work on a schedule for the program and make sure all organizations involved get a copy of the schedule.

Rag-A-Muffin – The parade will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2008, with a rain date of Sunday, October 26, 2008. A memo will be sent to the Police Dept. and the DPW to advise of the dates. Trophies have been ordered and the candy will be purchased.

Adult Trips/Activities – Frank Zaccherio is planning to get tickets for three Nets games and possibly a Disney on Ice show for November.

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 – Early bird registration was held and there were 96 registrations. Registration will be held at Roosevelt School on Friday, September 26, 2008, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, September 27, 2008, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

Evaluations will be held at Lincoln School on Monday, November 3 for 3/4/5 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.

All permits are in except for Lincoln School. Hal will have to see the number of girls before deciding how many divisions there will be this year. This year the

traveling team needs to be more organized. All info will be brought to the Board before the program begins.

This year the head coach will receive a collared shirt and the assistant coaches will get t-shirts. This will help the referees to easily identify the head coach. The older division girls will not play on Friday nights anymore. Thursday night will be games and Friday nights will be practice. Last year it ended up turning into a babysitting service. Diane Maglione reminded Hal that if he has trouble with any students that a letter will be sent to the parents and the police will be asked to remove the students from the gym.

This year a courtesy letter will be sent to those players that did not register yet informing them that they have until October 25 to register. Registration fees at evaluation night will be \$50 per player, no sibling discount, no exception. Players registering on evaluation will be placed on a waiting list only and will only be added to the roster if there is an injury, someone leaves a team, or there is another situation where circumstances allow us to add a player to a team.

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

Treasurer's Report - Beginning balance as June 2008, was \$17,665.68, total deposits for month were \$140.00, total expenses for month were \$2,593.94 leaving a balance of \$15,211.74. A detailed report is attached. Beginning balance as July 2008, was \$15,211.74, total deposits for month were \$2,491.27, total expenses for month were \$2,222.27 leaving a balance of \$15,480.74. A detailed report is attached. Beginning balance as August 2008, was \$15,480.74, total deposits for month were \$2,250.00, total expenses for month were \$0 leaving a balance of \$17,730.74. A detailed report is attached.

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

Old Business – None at this time.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 16, 2008.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Hugo Poli