

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2009, at 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
JUNE 18, 2009**

President Diane Maglione called the meeting to order via email, 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 31st day of December, 2008, and sent to the Star-Ledger on the 31st day of December, 2008. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Diane Maglione, Mary Koegel, Tom Essig, Gil Bell, Hal Bomzer, Carlos Carames, Rich DePena, Lloyd Domke, Mercedes Haines, Leigh Rivera, Mike Ruiz and Frank Zaccherio. These reports are being given via email due to scheduling conflicts.

A motion was made by Lloyd Domke and seconded by Hal Bomzer approving the minutes of the May 21, 2009, meeting.

Correspondence: Copy of letter from Samantha McCoy to Mayor Fosdick regarding Board of Recreation.

Hearing of Citizens: none present

Activity reports were as follows:

Bowling – Nothing to report. No one has seen any forms for the program.

Wrestling - Ulysses Encarnacion sent a copy of the registration form for review. Registration will be held on September 29, 2009, from 6-7 p.m. at the high school auxiliary gym. Registration will be \$40.00. Ulysses Encarnacion made all the suggested changes to the registration form and all information is complete. The form will be distributed in the schools in September and also put in the Patriot, the web and on the community message board. The bill for the uniforms will not be paid until the uniforms have been repaired.

T-Ball – The season was wet. Weather was a big factor but the children had a good time and learned a lot. Lloyd Domke thanks Diane and Leigh for the help

Girls' Softball - Season was WET and, unfortunately, we had quite a few rain outs which were very hard to reschedule due to the condition of our fields at Veterans park. The girls did get to play a few games. Lloyd Domke is requesting very strongly for 1 - 1 1/2 hours per week of indoor gym time starting in January, this is very important if we are going to take this program to the next level.

Lloyd Domke requested Board approval to run a softball clinic for 4-6 weeks

starting about next week and ending at the end of July. The clinic will be open only to girls who were registered this past softball season. The coaches who coached the team will help out with the clinic. His objective is to get the girls additional skills training in the game as well as a better understanding of the game. The clinic would run 1 evening each week from about 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Lloyd will work with any number of girls, if 5 show up then fine if 30 show up then that is fine as well. Each week the coaching staff will pick 2 or 3 areas in which they will work for that week i.e., batting, infield, outfield catching as well as some pitching. He is hoping that this will help the girls for future years. Participants must sign a registration/release form and there would be no additional costs.

Diane Maglione, Tom Essig, Gil Bell, Hal Bomzer, Rich DePena, Lloyd Domke, Mike Ruis, Frank Zaccherio voted in favor of holding the clinic. Mercedes Haines abstained.

Summer Sandlot Baseball Program – No activity at this time.

Women's Softball – Many teams did not cooperate and send in their line-ups as instructed by the Board. This needs to be straightened out for next year. Jack's never sent in line-ups. There are players listed on the line-ups that are not on rosters and team managers are not responding to emails. Next year, packets will have to be dropped off at the March meeting or turned into the Clerk's Office only. Frank Zaccherio still owes two registration forms plus registration fees for two players on Them.

Fourth of July – Bob Carlson has been selected as Grand Marshal.

Easter Egg Hunt – No activity at this time. Mary Koegel will decide if there will be a poster contest next year since many stores no longer accept posters and most posters turned in are missing information or the incorrect size.

Holiday Display Contest – Frank Zaccherio has delivering the remaining two prizes that were not picked up.

Wish Tree – No activity at this time.

Tree Lighting – No activity. Everyone has agreed to come back up to this point. A second set of risers are on order. Boulevard Production has been contacted about commitment and contract on date.

Rag-A-Muffin – No activity at this time.

Adult Trips/Activities – Nothing at this time.

Ballroom Dancing – A flyer will be sent out to see if there is any interest in another ballroom dance session. Dance With Me Studios would be interested in

doing a children's dance class as long as there are at least 10 students. Classes would run for 4 weeks and cost \$60.

Adult Craft Classes – The current session just ended and the next session will probably be in the fall. Another flyer will be sent out for a children's session to see if there is any interest.

Basketball – Early bird registration forms will be going out shortly. Forms will be dropped off to current first grade students and mailed to past players. The early bird form is also on the web. Tryouts will be November 2 and 3 at Lincoln School.

Rich DePena is running the traveling division. The season is running well. The 3/4 boys made it to the championship game. The 7/8 boys made it to the first round of playoffs. He didn't hear any complaints, only compliments on how the league was run. He still might do something over the summer if he can get everyone's schedule together.

Tennis – Barry Rubach (568-3946) runs this program. Barry Rubach stopped at the DPW to discuss the permit. The Board sent a letter to Commissioner MacNeill requesting use of the tennis courts on June 5, 12, 19 and 26 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Treasurer's Report - Beginning balance as of May 2009, was \$26,663.24, total deposits for month were \$3,318.56 total expenses for month were \$6,755.46, leaving a balance of \$23,226.34. A detailed report is attached. A motion was made by Frank Zaccherio seconded by Mercedes Haines accepting the Treasurer's report.

New Business – None at this time.

Old Business – Dates need to be gotten for Back-to-School night at each of the elementary schools, including St. Francis, so that tables can be set up mentioning activities that are available for the children of RP.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2009.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Rich DePena and seconded by Gil Bell to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Hugo Poli