

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, April 15, 2010, at 7:00 P.M.**

**BOARD OF RECREATION  
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY  
March 18, 2010**

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 28th day of December, 2009, and sent to the Star-Ledger on the 28th day of December, 2009. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Diane Maglione, Mary Koegel, Tom Essig, Hal Bomzer, Lloyd Domke, Mercedes Haines and Frank Zaccherio. Gil Bell, Carlos Carames, Rich DePena, Leigh Rivera and Mike Ruiz were excused.

The minutes of January 21, 2010, the special meeting on January 27, 2010, and the February 18, 2010, meetings were approved.

**Correspondence:** Permits came in for Roosevelt School for registration and softball practice.

**Hearing of Citizens:** None present

Activity reports were as follows:

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

**Wrestling** – Mary Koegel has spoken with Uly Encarnacion about some problems with the program. He said he would take care of them. Parents had complained about certain things that Uly Encarnacion did not report to the Board. There is confusion about fundraisers and the purpose of the funds raised. Uly placed a sweatshirt/pants order but collected less than the bill, someone changed their mind and didn't take what was ordered so he dipped into the refreshment monies that the parents raised so he could cover the shortage. He told the parents the money they raised selling the refreshments would be put towards a tournament. The cost of running a tournament is \$3,000 he said. He feels this is a communication problem.

He feels he can pick the coaches he wants to work in the program and can dismiss coaches as well. Uly Encarnacion says he did not accept any checks made out to the Board of Recreation. He told the parents to make the checks out to cash. Parents said they wrote checks to the Board of Recreation that were cashed by the Board of Recreation but the Board of Recreation has never seen any of these checks. We're not sure if Uly accepted and endorsed checks made out to Rec, but Neubert did advise him that he should never ask for checks made out to cash. Neubert made sure that the collected refreshment monies were placed into a special school account for the wrestling program.

Diane Maglione explained to Joseph Neubert, Athletic Director, that the Board cannot make any money off a tournament and that the school must run it if it is a fundraiser. Parents were chastised for coming to the Board of Recreation rather than go to Uly Encarnacion directly. At the end of year party last week, Uly Encarnacion told the parents he was looking to start a summer program but the Board knows nothing of this summer program. He also feels he should be able to buy what he wants without Board approval. There are also participants wrestling that do not live in Ridgefield Park or attend school in Ridgefield Park. Despite several requests, the Board was never given a complete roster. We never did get clarification, from either Neubert or Uly, about the final roster. Mary Koegel and Diane Maglione will meet with Joseph Neubert to discuss the Board's concerns.

The Board had to pay for the pizza party and trophies in addition to the singlets. There were more singlets ordered than players on the roster turned into the Board of Recreation. Uly

Encarnacion said that any money collected was turned over to the high school. The Board needs an accounting of these funds that were collected for the program.

There were complaints that players were left unattended because Uly Encarnacion left some practices early without proper adult supervision. The Board agreed that if the program needed to be suspended until the program chairperson could properly manage the program, it would suspend the program. The Board would only sponsor the program if someone attends a meeting to report on the program in the future. The Board needs to be fully aware of all happenings within a program.

**T-Ball – Registration** – Registration is officially closed. Lloyd Domke will decide if there are enough participants to continue the program.

**Girls' Softball** - Registration is officially closed. Next year Lloyd Domke will conduct registration by age. He is entering a different traveling league this year. He has met with the supervisors and all rules are in order. He will have a 9 and 10 year old team coached by Franklin Gonzalez and an 11 and 12 year old team that he will coach. He will be attending a meeting about scheduling. The other towns participating in the league are Little Ferry, Ridgewood, Maywood, Bogota and Saddle Brook.

Lloyd asked if he had to use the same uniform company. He was unhappy with his uniforms last year and would like to switch to another company.

**Summer Sandlot Baseball Program** – The program is run by Jamie Canal of Hackensack and participants should contact Hackensack directly.

**Women's Softball** – Registration packets are due at tonight's meeting unless teams have made prior arrangements. All packets were turned in except for Back in Black. Jack's team did not include the \$100 field usage fee and has one unsigned registration form. Bergen Chiro forgot the \$100 check for field usage and will drop it off. They plan to add three more players to their team.

Hal Bomzer asked if the Board would consider another vendor for shirts. The Board will get a quote from the other vendor and go with the cheaper price.

The Village passed a new ordinance requiring a \$1,000 fee for field usage if the roster is not made up of at least 51% Village residents. This permit must be paid before any permit will be issued. The Board divided this fee among the ten teams involved in the program and each team must submit \$100 for their field usage fee.

Diane Maglione explained to Frank Zaccherio that he needed to work on cutting expenses down for this program. The trophies are very expensive and many teams advised at the meeting that didn't care if they got a trophy. Frank currently spends \$150 for two trophies. The Board suggested that maybe he get cheaper trophies. Not all teams were excited about the party and maybe he should think about getting less food and cutting the expenses for the party. Frank felt that maybe another meeting with team reps might be needed.

Frank was also instructed to fill out the forms for the BCASU as soon as possible.

**Fourth of July** – No activity at this time. Florence Hill was nominated as grand marshal. Mercedes Haines will be the Board's representative at meetings this year. The Board did not get any forms from the Committee this year.

**Easter Egg Hunt** – Due to lack of interest, there will no longer be a poster contest. The Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 3, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. sharp. Eggs will be dyed on Friday, April 2 at the ambulance corps. The ambulance corps. was previously sent a letter advising of the activity. Another letter will be sent to Capt. Steve Fernandez requesting that the eggs be at

the park by 8:15 a.m. Mary Koegel has ordered the candy. Members should meet by 8:30 a.m

**Holiday Display Contest** – Some winners had called up looking for their prizes as they were not delivered yet. Barbara DeLuca delivered the prizes to the grand prize winners that had not yet received them.

**Wish Tree** – No activity at this time.

**Tree Lighting** – The Village tree came down in last week's storm. Mercedes Haines will have an opera singer at the tree lighting this year. There will also be a chair for Santa to visit with the children. Mr. Simeone is back at school and will be available next year.

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

**Adult Trips/Activities** – Frank Zaccherio is looking into tickets for Medieval Times. He would need to sell 15 tickets at a price of \$36.00. The Nets had wanted the Board to run some games but the Board did not think enough would sell. There was a bounced check in the amount of \$36.00 for circus tickets. A letter was sent requesting a new check in the amount of \$42.00, which includes bank fees.

**Ballroom Dancing** – No activity at this time.

**Adult Craft Classes** – The next session will start on April 27 and consist of three sessions (May 4 & 11). The cost will be \$65.00 per person and will include a Mother's Day project. Registration will end on April 20.

**Basketball** – The playoffs are finished and all were close games. There was one scuffle at one of the games, which was handled. The season went pretty well with no major problems. Small problems that come with running a large program were handled as needed. This was Bill Gerken's final year with the program after many years of volunteering. He was given a gift card for his many years with the program. One of the consolation games at Roosevelt School had to be cancelled because the school was never opened. The 3/4/5 girls' final game was moved to Grant School after the janitor offered to stay an extra 2 hours so that the game could be held there. Hal Bomzer gave him \$10.00 to buy lunch since he stayed late.

Hal said he already has new division leader for 3/4 boys, Rich DePena will move up to 5/6 boys and Tom Strowbridge will move to 7/8 boys. The boys divisions are covered.

Mercedes Haines will be retiring from clinic. She had suggested a new person to run the program but the program must be run by someone at least 21 years old. She will look for someone to run this program next year.

**Tennis** – Barry Rubach (568-3946) runs this program. Barry Rubach said he will contact the DPW for his permit as well as send a registration form to the Board.

**Treasurer's Report** - Beginning balance as of February 2010, was \$22,185.33, total deposits for month were \$1,732.00, total expenses for month were \$2,143.00, leaving a balance of \$21,774.33. A detailed report is attached. A motion was made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Lloyd Domke accepting the Treasurer's report.

**New Business** – Hal Bomzer would like the Board to use a new vendor for shirts/uniforms. Diane Maglione said she will speak to the Commissioners about using this particular vendor and the degree of separation there must be in order to use this vendor.

Tom Essig mentioned that there will be a Relay for Life walk-a-thon as well as sub-events at the Elks sponsored by the American Cancer Society. There will be a Zumba Day at St. Francis on

April 24 if anyone is interested in participating.

**Old Business** – None at this time.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 15, 2010.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Tom Essig and seconded by Mary Koegel to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Hugo Poli