

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2010, at 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
November 19, 2009**

Vice President Mary Koegel 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 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: Mary Koegel, Tom Essig, Hal Bomzer, Mercedes Haines and Mike Ruiz. Gil Bell, Carlos Carames, Rich DePena, Lloyd Domke, Diane Maglione and Frank Zaccherio were excused.

A motion was made by Mike Ruiz and seconded by Tom Essig approving the minutes of the October 15, 2009, meeting.

Correspondence: None received.

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 turned in the registration forms. He will forward a copy of the meet schedules as soon as he gets one.

T-Ball – No activity at this time.

Girls' Softball - No activity at this time. Lloyd Domke will be using Grant School gym on Tuesday night's beginning in January for softball practice.

Summer Sandlot Baseball Program – No activity at this time.

Women's Softball – A meeting will be set up with the Executive Board and a representative from each team in January. Any member that wants to attend is also invited. A discussion will be held on how to handle rain-outs and the rules will then incorporate these changes. Frank Zaccherio had the end-of-season party. Catering cost \$325.00, DJ \$350.00, Elks Lodge rental \$480.00 and three trophies for the playoffs cost \$120.00.

Fourth of July – No activity at this time.

Easter Egg Hunt – No activity at this time. Due to lack of interest, there will no longer be a poster contest.

Holiday Display Contest – The 12 ornaments and personalized platters for the six grandprize winners are in. There will only be one contest, which will include both residential and business entries as there are not enough businesses entering the contest. The contest will be held on Friday, December 18, 2009, this year.

Wish Tree – The Board is requesting that the names be turned in a little earlier this year so that the process can be started. It will be at TD Bank again.

Tree Lighting – The tree lighting will be on Sunday, December 6, 2009. Mercedes Haines will make copies of the flyers and distribute to the schools. Everything is in order for the tree lighting. Vorhees-Ingwersen Funeral Home has again agreed to donate a bicycle. Mercedes has been trying to contact the girl scouts to see if they will be participating. Due to a change in leadership, she has not been successful yet in getting an answer from the girl scouts. Members should meet at the municipal building at 5:15 p.m. Mercedes has spoken to the DPW already. John Tymon has been contacted and said everything is ready for Santa. Mercedes will give Barbara DeLuca the names and addresses of the performers/leaders to give to the Clerk's office for thank you letters.

A request was made to have Relay for Life (American Cancer Society) to have a Frosty the Snowman costumed character distribute cancer awareness literature and sell candy bars at the tree lighting. A discussion was held and members felt that although it is a worthy cause, normally the Board does not have any solicitors present at children's events and would prefer to keep the focus on the kids and Santa lighting the tree. The Board did not feel this was the right venue for this activity.

Rag-A-Muffin – The parade was held on Saturday, October 31, 2009. Everything went well. There were about 200 participants. Entries were as follows:

Division 1 – 49	Division 5 – 8
Division 2 – 30	Division 6 – 2
Division 3 – 20	Division 7 – 25
Division 4 – 25	

The reviewing stand was placed by Cedar Street and this worked well. No community service students from the high school showed up to help carry the signs. Some students were used for judging.

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. The Board has received several calls from people interested in dance classes but only has 7 people so far. The Board

might possibly see if any surrounding towns (like Ridgefield) might have people interested in attending the class to get the necessary 15 students.

Adult Craft Classes – There will also be a one night holiday ornament workshop on December 1. The cost of this workshop is \$35.00 and will be held at Roosevelt School.

Basketball – The coaching clinic will be held at 10:00 a.m. at Lincoln School cafeteria. Leigh Rivera will assist at the registration for the clinic. There will be a meeting for scorers/timers on December 2. There will also be a coach's meeting on December 2. There will be a discussion held at the division head meeting about crowd control on Friday nights. One suggestion is to not allow kids to enter or leave the gym while the game is going on.

Practices have started, gym schedules are getting approved and equipment has been distributed. The Roosevelt height adjustor was looked at by and is working fine. Clinic will begin December 12 and games begin on December 4 for the girls and December 5 for the boys.

The shirt order will be sent in on Monday, November 23, 2009. All teams must send in their shirt orders by November 22 or colors and sizes will be ordered for them.

Tennis – Barry Rubach (568-3946) runs this program. He had called and offered to run an indoors winter session if space was available. This information was passed onto Mr. Neubert.

Treasurer's Report - Beginning balance as of October 2009, was \$25,261.61, total deposits for month were \$2,586.00 total expenses for month were \$1,631.00, leaving a balance of \$26,216.61. A detailed report is attached. There was one returned check, which will turn up on next month's statement. A letter was sent requesting a new check. A motion was made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Mercedes Haines accepting the Treasurer's report.

New Business – Meeting dates for 2010 are as follows:

JANUARY 21	SEPTEMBER 16
FEBRUARY 18	OCTOBER 21
MARCH 18	NOVEMBER 18
APRIL 15	DECEMBER 16 (IF NECESSARY)
MAY 20	
JUNE 17	

Diane Maglione advised that she was approached by some skateboarding fans who would like to see the Board of Recreation build a skateboarding ramp. There are no funds in the budget for a project of this size.

Old Business – None at this time.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2010.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Mercedes Haines to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Hugo Poli