

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
February 20, 2025**

President Diane Maglione called the meeting to order at 7:14 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 and the Star Ledger as well as posted on the Village bulletin board. Roll call was taken. Commission members present: Diane Maglione, Howie Jacobs, Gil Bell, Royce Morris, Barbara Steiner, Bella Wagner. Excused: Matthew Florio, Mike Ruiz. Commissioner Wanda Portorreal was also present.

The minutes of the January 16, 2025, meeting were approved on a motion made by Gil Bell seconded by Royce Morris. All were in favor of the motion.

Correspondence:

1. 01/17/2025 – email from Sara Graves Re: RPEA approved donation of \$1,000.00 to sponsor Family Fun Olympics
2. 01/20/25 – email from Danny Jang Re: Cultural Courts
3. 02/03/2025 – email from Idania Castillo Re: Free Yoga @ library 3/18/25 – 6/17/25
4. Email from Tara O'Grady Re: Newsletter Deadlines – 2/20, 5/20, 8/20, 10/20

RP Running Club – No activity at this time. Someone did email to say they were interested in joining, which was forwarded to Anthony Lopez.

Back-to-school giving tree – No activity at this time.

Wish Tree – No activity at this time.

Tree Lighting – No activity at this time.

Holiday Display Contest – No activity at this time

Basketball:

- **Regular Season** – trophies and medals were delivered to Matt's house.
- **Division Heads Reports:**
 - **Clinic – Royce** **Girls 3/4 – Gil** **Girls 5 - Matt**
 - **Girls 6/7/8 – Bella** **Boys 3/4 – Roderic** **Boys 5/6 – Matt**
 - **Boys 7/8 – Bella** – only division not participating in travel league, 6 teams will play each other.
 - **Mike – Referees**
 - **Clinic –**
 - **Girls 3/4 –**
 - **Girls 5 –**
 - **Boys 3/4 –**
 - **Boys 5/6 –**
 - **Girls 6/7/8 –**
 - **Boys 7/8 –**

- Background checks – Selection.com is the name of the new company. We'll start with archery.
- Matt McArrow gave this link for the videos: <https://melsafetyinstitute.org/protection-safe-treatment-of-minors-policy/>
- Travel team schedule after Rec season:
- Girls 3/4 Coach Carlos Alvarez @ Roosevelt Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- Girls 7/8 Al Ramirez @ Lincoln Tuesdays/Thursdays 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Boys 7/8 Coach Deinde Otuyelu @ Lincoln Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Boys 5 Coach Matt Florio @ Grant Mondays 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. /Lincoln Fridays 6:30-9:00 pm
- **T2S Basketball** – handled by Larry Umana and Nate Lopez.
- **Saturday Night Hoops** –
 - Season to run 1/18 – 4/5.

Fourth of July – selecting grand marshal in June.

Rag-A-Muffin – October 25, 2025

Easter Egg Hunt – April 19, 2025

Tennis – Next session will be Saturday May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31. 2:00 - 3:00 pm 6 - 8 years old; 3:00 - 4:00 pm 9 - 11 years old; 4:00 - 5:00 pm 12 years old and up; 5:00 – 6:00 pm Adults. The cost is \$95.00 per session.

Adult Yoga – held at the library. March to June 2025. Every Tuesday: Starting: 3/18/2025 Ending: 6/17/2025 Time: 6:30PM - 7:15PM by Idania Castillo.

Women's Taekwondo – will start up again in spring.

Archery – Open to those 6 years old and up. The spring session will run from April 12– June 21, 2025, (no archery on 5/24 Memorial Day Weekend), Saturday mornings in three sessions: 9:00 – 9:45 10:00 – 10:45 11:00 – 11:45. Registration fee is \$25.00 (includes shirts); \$15.00 if you already have a shirt. Equipment is ready for the next season.

Adult/Family Activities – Family Fun Olympics 8/9/25 – no activity at this time.

Financial report –

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| Beginning balance as of 1/1/25 | \$20,519.45 |
| Deposits (reimbursements, basketball registrations) | 1,985.08 |
| Interest | 65.00 |
| Expenses: | |
| Debit Purchase Midway Graphic (travel uniforms – reimbursable) | -540.00 |
| Check #1173 (gift card for MK Valencia/holiday display prize) | - 50.00 |
| Balance as of 1/31/25 | \$20,519.45 |

A motion was made by _____ and seconded by to _____ accept the financial report. All were in favor of the motion.

Old Business – none.

New Business – The next safety meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Danny Jang, an 11th grade student at Bergen Technical Schools, sent an email about a program he would like to start, **Cultural Courts**, which aims to empower Asian American youth by creating culturally tailored sports leagues that celebrate heritage while fostering athletic development. Howie, Barbara and Tiffany Chen met with him over the weekend to discuss this. They offered to check with the schools to see if it could be held at the high school on May 15. They told him the Board did not have enough hands to physically help him out, but they would be willing to help him with organization and answer questions on running an event like this. Tiffany Chen, President of RP Key Club, said she would like to get her school involved in this. They will meet again on March 2 to see what progress he was able to make.

The meeting was adjourned at _____ p.m. on a motion made by Bella Wagner and seconded by _____. All were in favor of the motion.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 20, 2025, @ 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara DeLuca
 Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Wanda Portorreal

MEETING DATES FOR 2025

ALL MEETINGS TO BE HELD AT 7:00 P.M. PREVAILING TIME AT THE CIVIC CENTER, UPSTAIRS, LOCATED AT 159 PARK STREET ON THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, UNLESS POSTED OTHERWISE

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| JANUARY 16 | APRIL 17 | JULY – NO MEETING | OCTOBER 16 |
| FEBRUARY 20 | MAY 15 | AUGUST – NO MEETING | NOVEMBER 20 |
| MARCH 20 | JUNE 19 | SEPTEMBER 11 (2ND Thurs) | DECEMBER – NO MEETING |