

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**BOARD OF RECREATION  
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY  
January 21, 2021**

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 and sent to the Star Ledger as well as posted on the Village bulletin board. Roll call was taken. Commission members present: Diane Maglione, Gil Bell, Howie Jacobs, Mike Ruiz. Excused: Hal Bomzer, Jimmy Coloma, Scott Garris, Mercedes Haines, Kaitlyn Maglione.

The minutes of the November 19, 2020, meeting could not be approved as there was no quorum.

**Correspondence:**

- Letter dated 1/11/21 from Elizabeth Van Geldren, Welfare Dept., thanking the Board for assistance with wish tree
- Notice from July 4<sup>th</sup> Citizen's Committee Re: Grand Marshal Nomination

**Hearing of Citizens** – None present.

**Bowling** – No activity at this time.

**Women's Softball** – No activity at this time.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July** – Form for grand marshal was received.

**Holiday Display Contest** – The contest took place on Friday, December 18, 2020. Judges went around in separate cars in order to observe social distancing. This actually worked out very well since judges could go when convenient for them. Prizes were left at each house the next day.

**Winners were as follows:**

44 Union Place  
19 Roosevelt Avenue  
88 Overpeck Avenue  
84 Paulison Avenue  
122 Euclid Avenue  
265 Main Street  
286 Teaneck Road

**Honorable Mention:**

4 Pershing Court  
22 Overpeck Avenue  
50 Highland Place  
81 Main Street  
21 Austin Street  
20 Highland Place

An additional prize was suggested for next year, Citizens' Choice. Voting would be open for one week for town residents to select their favorite home from the list of homes participating in the contest. This would be a prize in addition to the regular prizes selected by the judges. It was suggested that maybe residents would be given the week before the contest to view the participating homes and send in their suggestion for the Citizens' Choice Award. Details will be finalized prior to next year's contest.

**Wish Tree** – The Board worked with Elizabeth Van Geldren from the Health & Welfare Dept. This year an online sign-up link was available for people to pick an ornament and then return their gift to the Welfare Dept. The link was posted on the Village website, school website, RP Mom's page and RP social media sites. There were some late ornaments added to the tree but all ornaments were taken and returned by the deadline. A special thanks was given to RP After Care Program, which took many of the last-minute additions. All participants were thanked and it worked very well using the on-line sign-up system.

**Tree Lighting** – The tree lighting was Sunday, December 6. There were only 19 entries for the bicycle and baskets. Winners were: Madeline Bachtler, Shea DeJesus, Lilly Russo, Sophie Orengo. 7-11 gave some coupons for free coffee. Mercedes used the debit card to pay for the gifts. The Board did not request re-imbursement from the town because of the moratorium on spending. Here are her costs:

Walmart	\$101.01
Dollar Tree	\$ 23.46
Walgreens	\$ 9.77
	\$134.24

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

**Adult Trips/Activities** – No activity at this time but Rec will be speaking with the Commissioner about future programs it would like to see added.

**Basketball** – With covid 19 protocols by NJSIAA and Governor Murphy, it is not realistic for the Board to successfully manage games and attendance. Also, the Board of Education is not yet issuing permits for the gyms and there is no timetable for that. Lastly, even if the Board could start the program, we face the problem of a school or government shutdown on a moment's notice. This would not be fair to those paying for their children to play and getting nothing for their investment. So, for these reasons, the Board feels it would not be feasible to run the rec program this season.

**Saturday Night Hoops** – Until the school is available for use, no plans can begin for this program.

**Girls' 5/6 Travel Basketball Team** – The team participated in a few outdoor tournaments in the fall but stopped once the covid numbers started to go up again. The girls are making plans to play in the spring if the covid situation improves. Roster will be limited to RP, LF and possibly Bogota if other members are needed.

**Tennis** – Tennis was a big hit this year. All sessions were full, and adults even enjoyed the clinics this year. The Board put in the permit for the tennis courts with the DPW for this year.

**T2S Basketball** – The program is continuing under Larry Umana and Nate Lopez. They have written to Father Larry to see if it would be possible to use the gym at St. Francis.

**Easter Egg Hunt** – No activity at this time.

**Treasurer's Report** - The balance the end of November was \$18,728.10 with deposit of \$207.96 for reimbursement for thermometers leaving an ending balance as of December 1 of \$18,937.70.

**Old Business** – No activity at this time.

**Archery Clinic:** The program has had a very good turnout. Commissioner Olson has taken a hands-on approach with this activity. Gil Bell has been working with him as well. There are some things we need to tighten up on by following the NASP guidelines. Commissioner Olson thinks it is important for us to make changes now both for safety and to learn more how we want to structure the program for the spring. Supplies have already been ordered for the next session.

#### **New Business:**

**Yoga** – There is a yoga instructor available to teach an outdoor class or in an open garage or inside location, zoom, etc., if the Board wants to pursue this activity.

Diane Maglione will be meeting with Commissioner Olson to discuss plans for the future. Members should think about any programs/activities they want to see sponsored by Rec in the future as well as any other ideas how they would like Rec to become and forward to Diane so she may discuss these suggestions with Commissioner Olson.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 18, 2021. All meetings will be held via Zoom until further notice.

This link will be used for the monthly meeting until further notice:

Join Zoom Meeting: [https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71636345842?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71636345842?pwd=RDZEVE9LaXFxeWoxbmxJSGdQVDhWZz09)

pwd=RDZEVE9LaXFxeWoxbmxJSGdQVDhWZz09 Meeting ID: 716 3634 5842 Passcode: Y4rtpt

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. on a motion made by Howie Jacob and seconded by Gil Bell. All were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

cc: Commissioner Olson

Barbara DeLuca