

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
November 18, 2021**

President Diane Maglione called the meeting to order at 7:05 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, Howie Jacobs, Hal Bomzer, Gil Bell, Jimmy Coloma, Mercedes Haines, Melina Pope, Mike Ruiz, Bella Wagner. Excused: Scott Garriss, Kaitlyn Maglione, Melinda Lugo.

The minutes of the October 21, 2021, meeting were approved on a motion made by Howie Jacobs and seconded by Gil Bell. All were in favor of the motion.

Correspondence:

- Memo from Tara O'Grady advising newsletter deadline is 11/15

Bowling – No activity at this time.

Women's Softball – No activity at this time.

4th of July – No activity at this time.

Rag-A-Muffin – Participants were few this year, approximately 56. The weather started out rainy but was nice by the time the parade started. Having the street fair on same day as well as soccer games kept some people away. Some people said they thought the parade was cancelled because they got a phone call from the town saying the Street Fair was on and since the parade was not mentioned, they thought it was cancelled. Diane Maglione spoke to the Mayor about not including the parade in the announcements and he asked the Board to send a reminder next year. For the first time, there were no floats in the parade.

The DJ and two cotton candy carts worked out well. This year the DJ played from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The Board used only 100 small waters for the parade. The community service students, along with Drew and Jillian Wagner, were excellent this year. The magician worked out great but maybe next year will start at 12:00 p.m. since judges were done pretty fast due to lack of entries. One entry left before getting their trophy but it was later delivered to them.

Due to less entries again, trophies for next year will be changed. Trophies for Divisions One - Four will be: 1st – 4th and an Honorable Mention for each division. Division Five will have 1st – 4th place. Division Six will have 1st – 3rd place and Division Seven will have 1st – 4th Place. The Judge's felt there were too many Judges' Choice awards so next year there will be only Judges' Choice Second Place, Judges' Choice Third Place and Judges' Choice Best Overall.

Wish Tree – Online sign-up worked very well last year and will be available by Thanksgiving weekend. The Board is working with Elizabeth Van Geldren to gather the names right now. The link for the online signup will be: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d45a5ac23a0f8c07-holiday1>. Gifts need to be returned by December 17. The Board will assist Elizabeth Van Geldren in distributing the gifts.

Tree Lighting – The tree lighting is scheduled for December 5, 2021. Music will be provided by Dickens Carolers and Robert Bannon. Mercedes Haines made sure there are mics for each of the carolers so everyone can hear them. She has confirmed with Vorhees-Ingwersen Funeral Home that he will again donate a bicycle for the raffle. She will also get three \$50 gift baskets. Costumed characters will make an appearance. Light-up wands and candy canes will be given to the children. Flyers will be distributed in the schools and posted on the website and social media. Mercedes will confirm that 7-11 will provide Slurpees and Board members will assist in their distribution.

The Board of Commissioners will be informed of the activities and asked to include the tree lighting in any announcement that might be made. The DPW has confirmed everything for the night. Since the tree lighting also falls on the eighth night of Hannukah, Hal Bomzer will do a prayer. Father Larry has confirmed he will be there. Truck Co. One has confirmed they will bring Santa and Santa said he is ready.

Holiday Display Contest – The prizes are in for the contest. Participants will be told to leave their lights on the nights of December 17, 18 & 19, so residents have the opportunity to judge for the new prize. Judging will take place on the nights of December 17, 18 & 19 beginning at dusk each night. Results must be received by the Board by Monday, December 20. Winners will be announced after the contest and tallies have been completed. Prizes will be delivered to the winners.

Adult Trips/Activities – Flyers for the March 10, 2022, Devil's game went out. The cost is \$67 per ticket in the lower bowl of the arena along with the chance for everyone to meet on the ice after the game to take a shot from the blue line. Order deadline is February 17, 2022.

Archery Clinic – This Saturday is the last session for the fall. Everything is going well with the program.

Basketball – Evaluations were held at Lincoln School. Certification class is scheduled for Thursday, December 9 @ 6:30 p.m. at Lincoln School library. Melina Pope is attending the clinic to get certified so she can assist the instructor getting the class started on time and making sure no one arrives late or leaves early.

There was an issue with covid already and the Board contacted the school district to confirm proper covid guidelines. The guidelines were distributed to all division leaders. They will also be emailed to all participants so everyone is aware of the proper procedures to follow. The Board will follow the same procedures as the schools and if a student cannot attend school, then they can't attend a Board activity. The school nurse will advise when the student can return to school.

There was a little confusion getting in the schools in the first week due to new people on both ends and hopefully that is cleared up now. The Board has contacted the schools to get a phone number for the janitor in case there is a problem with the doors being locked or one is needed during a practice/game.

Site manager vests are in. They will be kept in each school with the first aid kits. Hal is working on practice/game schedules now. Hal asked the Division Heads for any possible coaching conflicts for coaches that have more than one team. All names were sent to Hal and he will work on it now.

The Site Managers have to understand that there will be no tolerance for poor behavior this year. The Board will not condone any of the problems that occurred last year. Site Managers have to understand that if they can't get the situation under control, they are to call the Police Dept. and give the name of the parent/player that needs to be removed. The Police Dept. will have a list of names of people not permitted to enter the gym before the season starts.

Saturday Night Hoops – Tryouts were held on November 15. The program is open to boys and girls this year. There were about 50 kids that showed up at the tryouts. It was a bit chaotic with so many showing up not pre-registered so that will be looked at before next year. They plan to start the third week of January and goal is to do something around the third week of December with the kids.

Girls' 5/6 Travel Basketball Team – The team will try to play in a few tournaments during the season. They have entered into a league and Al Ramirez told Hal Bomzer that he needed seven home dates. Hal was able to give him seven Mondays from 8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. He was also able to give him two hours every Wednesday at Grant for practice.

Tennis – The program will start up again next spring.

T2S Basketball – The program is continuing under Larry Umana and Nate Lopez.

Easter Egg Hunt – No activity at this time.

Ping Pong – Only 2 people signed up so she will hold registration again after the holidays to see if there is more interest. There was a parent who contacted the Board to ask if out-of-town students may participate. The Board has no problem with out-of-town participants as long as they are paying the registration fee. If there are enough participants, Sue Chak will start up the program before the holidays otherwise the Board will hold registration again after the new year.

Treasurer's Report – The beginning balance as of 10/1/21 was \$19,608.98. Deposits of \$8645.00 were made as well as interest paid in the amount of \$0.84. There were expenses paid in the amount of \$925.00 leaving an ending balance of \$27,401.82. The new treasurer will give more detailed reports when he takes over. A motion was made by Jimmy Coloma and seconded by Mike Ruiz to accept the Treasurer's Report. All were in favor of the motion.

Old Business:

Mike and Jimmy need to view the video "[Protecting Children](#) from Abuse for Employees and Volunteers" and "Building a Safe Workplace: Anti-Harassment and Discrimination". Videos must be viewed and certificates of completion submitted by all coaches as well. All Board members also need to view the online concussion course at: <http://www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/training/index.html> and forward a copy of their certificate of completion so it can be sent to the Safety Office.

New Business: None at this time.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 20, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. on a motion made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Bella Wagner. All were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara DeLuca
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cc: Commissioner Olson

This link will be used for the monthly meeting when it is held via Zoom: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71636345842?pwd=RDZEVE9LaXFxWoxbmXJSgdQVdhWZz09> Meeting ID: 716 3634 5842 Passcode: Y4rtpt