

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
March 17, 2022**

President Diane Maglione called the meeting to order at 7:10 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, Hal Bomzer, Gil Bell, Melinda Lugo, Melina Pope, Mike Ruiz, Bella Wagner. Excused: Mercedes Haines, Kaitlyn Maglione, Bella Wagner. Royce Morris and Commissioner Olson were also present at the meeting.

The minutes of the February 17, 2022, meeting were approved on a motion made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Mike Ruiz. All were in favor of the motion.

Correspondence:

- 3 Emails dated 2/23/22 from William Lamon Re: Playground Maintenance Needed – forwarded to DPW
Note: The DPW does do maintenance in all the parks once the winter weather is over.
- Email dated 2/25/22 from Jen Robbins Re: Women's Softball Umpire Association
- Email dated 2/25/22 from Marissa Rives Re: Hockey Tickets
- Email dated 2/27/22 from Jose Morales Re: Basketball Suspension
- Email dated 2/27/22 from Sarah Frink Re: Basketball Suspension
- Email dated 3/2/22 from Joyce Cuervo Re: Girls Softball
- Email dated 3/2/22 from Doreen Lopez Re: Girls Softball
- Email dated 3/4/22 from Stephanie Takach Re: T2S Permit
- Email dated 3/17/22 from Jim Gallagher Re: Offer to pay registration fees for family in need
- Email dated 3/17/22 from Chelsea Nagurka, Amb. Corps Re: Availability for Easter Egg Hunt

Women's Softball – Registration packets went out to all the teams. Commissioner Olson advised that the field lights will be kept on an extra half-hour so games may be completed. If it turns out the lights need to be kept on a little longer so games can be completed, the timing will be adjusted.

4th of July – No activity at this time.

Rag-A-Muffin – 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.

Adult Trips/Activities – There were only 9 tickets sold and the Devils will allow the Board to carryover the tickets sales to a future event next year. Howie Jacobs said although there were very few people at the game, it was a nice experience for all. Hopefully next year the covid situation and team will be better for future trips.

Archery Clinic – The program will run April 9, 2022 – June 25, 2022 – No archery on April 16 because everyone will be at Easter Egg Hunt @ 10:00 a.m. and no archery on May 28 – Memorial Day weekend. Registration fee is \$25.00. Gil Bell will be ordering supplies. Instructors need to complete an online course so they can get certified in the US archery program. Melina Pope has been reaching out to past instructors to see who is interested in taking the class. Gil said he has two people that he will also talk to. There should be enough instructors to hold the class since 8 are required.

Basketball – The season has finished and went fairly well considering all that was going on with covid. Royce Morris said he attended some clinic sessions with Carlos Ramirez. Things went well and there was enough help to keep the program running smoothly. Royce said he enjoyed attending the sessions to help out. Royce was asked if he would like to become a member of the Board of Recreation and he said he would enjoy becoming a member. Commissioner Olson will appoint Royce to the Board.

This was the first year with Site Managers and was a learning experience for all. Site Managers must wear the vest provided by the Board so everyone knows there is someone there and who to approach with any concerns. Site Managers must also take care of all responsibilities that fall within that position. They must quiet unruly fans or fans that are too loud and not cheering or sending positive messages to all players. Site Managers must control entry into the gym and/or around the team. If someone must be removed, it is the Site Manager's job to handle that. Site Managers must convey the message to offenders and firmly back the expected behavior of anyone in the gym, whether it be a participant or fan. The addition of the Site Manager is a great idea as long as everyone is on the same page in what will be enforced.

Hal Bomzer said that with the weather and covid, there were some things that had to be taken care of but, overall, things went well with the exception of a few problems that were handled. At the end of the season, a letter was sent to all principals and buildings and grounds to thank them for the great cooperation that led to a successful season. All involved wrote back how happy they were to be a part of the program.

The Board of Education was pleased that Hal Bomzer was able to arrange for the repair of a backboard by Corby at a lower price than they were quoted and paid for the repair. The backboard at Grant School needs to be replaced. Hal will arrange for this to be done and have the same one installed that has worked well at Roosevelt School. It costs about \$800.00. He will also arrange for Corby to service the backboards before the season starts next year.

Saturday Night Hoops – The program has two sessions left. Last weekend, the midnight madness event was held and went over very well with the players and coaches involved. The season has been going well and enjoyed by all participants.

Girls' 5/6 Travel Basketball Team – The team has finished current league games. They will continue practicing at Lincoln School.

Boys' 5/6 Travel Basketball Team – Deinde Otuyelu is coaching this team. There are currently 10 players registered for the team. Registration fee was \$250.00. They have put in a request to extend practice time at Grant School on Fridays from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. until April 27. Deinde thanked the Board for supporting this team.

Tennis – The program will run on Saturdays, May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4. Cost is \$85.00. Residents may contact Barry Ruback at barrys10s@gmail.com or 201-568-3946 with any questions.

2:00 – 3:00 pm	6 - 7 years old
3:00 – 4:00 pm	8 - 10 years old
4:00 – 5:00 pm	11 years old and up
5:00 – 6:00 pm	Adults

T2S Basketball – The program is continuing under Larry Umana and Nate Lopez. The permit is in for the schools. They will send their schedule when completed.

Easter Egg Hunt – It is scheduled for April 16. The eggs and candy were distributed at the meeting. Members are to fill the eggs at home and either bring them to the hunt or drop them off at the civic center. The Easter Bunny has advised he is available. The Ambulance Corps said they will check with their members as several will not be available. Members should meet at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 16 in the school parking lot at the foot of Preston Street. The event takes place rain or shine. The flyer has been sent to the school and posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report – The beginning balance as of 2/1/22 was \$26,026.68.00. Deposits made: basketball registration \$55.00, 5/6 boys' travel registrations \$1,500.00; zoom tax reimbursement \$17.87 as well as interest paid in the amount of \$2.91. There were expenses paid in the amount of \$3,050.86 (\$34.80 postage stamps; \$116.91 Zoom annual fee; \$853.50 basketball uniforms; \$1,085.65 basketball trophies; \$960.00 scorers/timers) leaving a statement balance of \$25,987.25 as of 2/28/22. A motion was made by Mike Ruiz and seconded by Melinda Lugo to accept the Treasurer's Report. All were in favor of the motion.

Old Business: None at this time.

New Business: Commissioner Olson spoke with the Board about stipends issued to private organizations. Since the Board of Recreation is in charge of recreational activities for the Village, he would like input on how to fairly distribute stipends to different activities. He asked the Board to discuss if the Village is being well served by giving these stipends. He would like the Board to discuss this further and email him a response.

Commissioner Olson also advised that the Pool Commission has been dissolved and will now be a Pool Committee. It will be run similar to the Board of Recreation. This now allows for more things to be done with the pool so it will, hopefully, no longer be run at a loss. If the Board of Recreation wanted to do an event at the pool, it can now be done.

Howie Jacobs said he would like to start up a new activity next year. He would like to start up a co-ed 3 on 3 basketball league for those over 25. It would run from mid-September to before Recreation basketball starts. He would have teams of six and is looking for eight teams. The cost would be \$75.00 per person and then for the first year, \$10-\$15 of that would be a donation to the family of Mike O'Neill. He wants to call the program the "Big Mike League" in honor of Mike O'Neill who coached basketball for many years for the Board of Recreation. The Board said that maybe it should be a donation in the amount of your choice starting at \$10.00. Howie will work on the details and getting gym time.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 21, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m. on a motion made by Melinda Lugo and seconded by Gil Bell. 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=RDZEVE9LaXFxeWoxbmJJSjGdQVdhWZz09> Meeting ID: 716 3634 5842 Passcode: Y4rtpt