

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2014, at 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
NOVEMBER 21, 2013**

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 on the 28th day of December, 2012, and sent to the Star-Ledger on the 28th day of December, 2012. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Diane Maglione, Hal Bomzer, Jimmy Coloma, Lloyd Domke, Tom Essig, Scott Garris, Mercedes Haines, Mary Koegel and Kaitlyn Maglione. Angie Rivera, Tom Strowbridge and Mike Ruiz were excused.

The minutes of the October 17, 2013, meeting was approved.

Correspondence: information on Disney on Ice Show Nov. 20-24 from Prudential Center; permit to use Lincoln School for certification class on November 21.

Hearing of Citizens: None Present

Activity reports were as follows:

Bowling – Nothing to report.

Wrestling – Registration took place at the Ridgefield Park Jr/Sr High School Auxiliary Gym on November 6th and 13th. First practice will be December 2nd at 6:30 p.m. Uly Encarnacion turned in the registration forms and fees. He will get more forms at the first practice. Uly noted that now that practices are closed and only wrestlers are allowed to enter practices, it was easier to get more coaches this year. There are about four coaches returning from last year.

Uly did his first test email to make sure he has the correct email address for everyone. He will have the full schedule after the December 5 scheduling meeting but gave the Board a calendar of events. Fees will stay the same for the referees (\$100). There is a tournament in North Bergen on February 15 but there is also a home match that day so they will not participate in that tournament. The wrestling schedule is pushed up a week. There is a possibility this may conflict with another meet for the state qualifiers. They don't want to make the kids pick. It is a possibility it might get moved to March 1. So far 33 kids have signed up and 31 are paid. Uly will take an inventory of the uniforms and match up sizes after he meets with the kids. There are 23 first year kids this year. He won't know until after they match up the kids what uniforms are needed.

Girls' Softball - No activity at this time.

Women's Softball – A pre-season meeting will be scheduled with the teams. Registration packets will be due March 20, 2014. Peggy Schneider did a great job running the league this year.

Fourth of July – No activity at this time.

Easter Egg Hunt – No activity at this time.

Holiday Display Contest – Funds have been encumbered under PO#10946 in the amount of \$1,500.00. The contest will take place on Friday, December 20, 2013. The prizes are in. Mary Koegel has the list of winners from last year as well as pictures from last year. Entries must be significantly different each year to win a prize. Flyers were distributed in the schools. There are several new designs that will be available next year for the prizes.

Wish Tree – Kathy Tobin will contact Kaitlyn Maglione with the list, which is usually ready right after Thanksgiving. Gifts should be returned by December 13. Flyers were distributed in the schools.

Tree Lighting – Funds were encumbered under PO#10944 in the amount of \$1,000.00. Mercedes Haines has the preliminary schedule as follows:

5:30 Introduction of Mayor and Commissioners
 5:35 Blessing by Father Larry
 5:40 Introduction of Mrs. Claus
 5:45 Introduction of Girl and Boy scouts
 5:50 Santa's entrance
 5:55 Lighting of the tree by Santa
 6:00 Girls and Boy scouts sing 3 more songs
 6:05 Soloist: Courtney Coyle
 6:10 Soloists: Rosa Martinez and mother

Closing remarks. Thanks to:

DPW

Ridgefield Park Police dept.

Ridgefield Park Hose Company #1

Mayor and Commissioners

Father Larry

Boulevard Sound System

Vorhees-Ingwersen Funeral Home-bicycle donation

Girl and boy scouts

Soloists

7-11

Mrs. Claus, Santa, Board of Rec members

Invitation to 7-11 for slurpees

Boulevard Production will be providing two microphones this year. The new tree was donated to the Village by the Slattery family and should be cut down on Monday. Flyers were distributed in the schools. The DPW, Truck One and Police Dept. were advised of the events. For those wishing to share in the season, spectators are invited to bring a canned item for the food pantry or a toy for the Toys For Tots program. The Mayor advised that he will be away for this year's tree lighting. The Scouts were advised to arrive at 5:30 p.m. They will come directly from St. Francis. Members should meet at 5:00 p.m.

Rag-A-Muffin – Funds were encumbered under PO #10943 in the amount of \$1,500.00. The parade will take place on Saturday, October 26, 2013. Everything went well. There were about 150 participants. Entries were as follows:

Division 1 – 28

Division 5 – 10

Division 2 – 31

Division 6 – 2

Division 3 – 15

Division 7 – 7

Division 4 – 26

Unfortunately none of the community service students showed up. There were three students that volunteer to help each year that did carry the signs. Some members of the Ambulance Corps. volunteered to carry the signs and were very helpful. The boy scouts said they would be happy to assist next year. Next year, Diane thinks there would be more spectators if each division was called to line up separately so they could watch the parade until it was their time to march. There were a couple of trophies that were not needed, which will be recycled for next year.

Adult Trips/Activities – Vanessa Diaz was notified that she can use the Civic Center for zumba classes. She also must contact GJEM Insurance before starting classes. The Board has not heard back from her. Angie Rivera will look into possible activities for the Board to sponsor. Several emails have come in and Angie will see if they are worthwhile.

Adult Craft Classes – No activities at this time.

Basketball – Schedules have been made and run by the Principals and were revised again. Clinic will start on December 7 and end on March 8. A meeting is scheduled with the parents on December 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the Roosevelt School Gym. A reminder will be sent to the parents since turn-out for the meeting is usually poor. There is a meeting scheduled with the scorers/timers on December 4 at 7:00 p.m. at Lincoln and a coaches/referee's meeting to follow at 7:30 p.m. Reminder letters were also sent to the scorers/timers/referees. Games and clinic will start the first week of December.

The certification clinic was scheduled for November 21 at Lincoln School library. About 9 or 10 coaches did not show up for the clinic. As far as the concussion course, Commissioner Poli advised Francine Orovitz, Safety Secretary, that any new coaches have to take the class within 30 days of their start and **ALL** coaches have to retake the class every three years.

Diane is still looking into details on the background checks. She contacted Det. Sgt. Sgroi who received training about background checks. He informed Diane that the system for background checks is flawed. It does not require the reporting of any offenses after the initial background check is done. Even if there is an arrest, it will not be reported to the police. The only way to have current arrests is to do a background check every single year. The system is flawed.

Tennis – Barry Ruback (568-3946) runs this program, which is taught by All Pro Tennis Staff. There will be no permit charge to the Board of Recreation next year for use of the tennis courts.

Treasurer's Report - Beginning balance as of October 2013 was \$28,498.27, total deposits for month were \$6,680.00, total expenses for month were \$991.09, leaving a balance of \$34,187.18. A detailed report is attached. A motion was made by Lloyd Domke and seconded by Mercedes Haines approving the Treasurer's Report. All were in favor of this motion.

New Business – Jimmy Coloma was appointed as a regular member to fill the unexpired term of Gil Bell.

Meeting dates for 2014 were set as follows:

JANUARY 16	SEPTEMBER 18
FEBRUARY 20	OCTOBER 16
MARCH 20	NOVEMBER 20
APRIL 17	DECEMBER 18 (IF NECESSARY)
MAY 15	
JUNE 19	

Old Business – The Board is still looking into background checks for volunteer coaches. Diane Maglione did speak with Det. Sgt. Sgroi about this.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 16, 2014.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Jimmy Coloma to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Adam MacNeill