

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2012, at 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
FEBRUARY 16, 2012**

President Diane Maglione called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 30th day of December, 2011, and sent to the Star-Ledger on the 28th day of December, 2011. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Diane Maglione, Gil Bell, Hal Bomzer, Tom Essig, Mary Koegel, Leigh Rivera, Mike Ruiz, Tom Strowbridge and Frank Zaccherio were present. Kaitlyn Maglione was also present. Lloyd Domke and Mercedes Haines was excused. Carlos Carames was absent.

A motion was made by Mary Koegel and seconded by Leigh Rivera to accept the minutes (open and closed) of the January 19, 2012 meeting. All were in favor of this motion.

Correspondence: Letter from Mayor Fosdick thanking the Board for hosting the holiday decorating contest. Permits came in for use of the gym for softball practice. Copies of insurance certificates from GJEM came in for basketball and wrestling.

Hearing of Citizens: None present

Activity reports were as follows:

Bowling – Nothing to report. No one has seen any forms for the program.

Wrestling – Mary Koegel called the ambulance corps. because there was no EMT present at the January 7 meet. Mary called the President, who thought that somebody was there but he was no longer in charge of this anymore. Irma Rutkowski is in charge of this now. Mary called the ambulance two weeks before the February meet to remind them that an EMT was needed at the match. There were no EMTs present again. There were two incidents at the meet.

Uly Encarnacion knew there was no EMT present but continued with the meet. There was another injury after the EMT's came for the first injury and then left prior to the second injury. It did not seem that any of the adults were trained in first aid.

There was also an injury at a practice due to what the parent claims was insufficient attention to the participants. The father called up the Clerk's Office and demanded that someone call him back immediately. Tom Essig handled the call. Part of the problem is that the parent felt that his wife was disrespected when talking to the coach. The RP participants do not seem to be well behaved at the meets due to lack of supervision. Uly has never given a report on the incident to the Board, which is required immediately after any injury in procedures distributed prior to the start of the season. Parents have complained that the supervisor seems to be on his cellphone frequently and not paying attention to the kids. These problems will need to be addressed with Uly.

Girls' Softball - Registration was held on February 11 at Roosevelt School. Registration fee was \$50.00.

Women's Softball – Championship trophies are in and will be distributed at the meeting to be held in on March 8, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. with all teams. Packets went out and are returnable at the March 8 meeting. Commissioner Poli advised that he spoke with Matt McArow of GJEM Insurance and they agreed that uninsured players needed to pay an additional \$30.00 fee to be covered by Village insurance. Players must furnish the Board with a copy of their insurance card

before they can play. The unused party money for 2011 will be credited for the \$1,000.00 field usage fee.

Fourth of July – No activity at this time.

Easter Egg Hunt – Mary Koegel ordered 4,200 plastic eggs to be used for the egg hunt. She is now looking into purchasing candy to fill the eggs with. She will speak with Rich Brown to see if he is interested in being the bunny this year. There will be a limit on the number of eggs each child gets since there is no longer any prize eggs. The egg hunt is scheduled for April 7 this year.

Holiday Display Contest – No activity at this time. All prizes were distributed.

Wish Tree – No activity at this time. All tags were taken this year.

Tree Lighting – No activity at this time. There will be a discussion at a future date as to the length of the program. The Board will need the scouts to reply sooner if they want to participate next year. They will also need to be better prepared. It was suggested that it might be a good idea to have a box available to accept donations for the Toys For Tots program at the tree lighting.

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

Adult Trips/Activities – No activities at this time.

Adult Craft Classes – A craft class is scheduled for May 1 and 8 at Roosevelt School from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. The cost of the class is \$50.00 per person. Registrations are due by April 20, 2012.

Basketball – Checks for the first half of the season were mailed out. There was a minor incident at Lincoln School involving some kids that knocked over the recycling bin. The kids were spoken to and the situation handled.

Hal Bomzer was contacted by the Hackensack Board of Recreation. They only have two or three boys teams in their 7th and 8th grade division and invited the Board to send over teams to play against them. Hackensack will pick up the cost of the referees and parents will provide their own transportation. This would have been an ideal situation for this year as there were an uneven number of teams and each week a team received a bye. The team that doesn't have a game scheduled in RP will be sent to Hackensack. Tom Strowbridge will be the liaison for this activity and invite all teams to participate. Next year, Hackensack will be contacted sooner to see if there is any interest.

The clinic seems to be running well. There have been no complaints. Gil Bell said his 3/4/5 girls division is running well and everyone is having fun. Mike Ruiz said the 6/7/8 girls also seem to be running pretty smoothly. One problem was addressed last month and there have been no further problems. Tom Strowbridge said that this 7/8 boys division is also running well this year.

Tom Strowbridge asked if there was only one referee at a game if they receive both salaries and the answer was yes.

Tennis – Barry Ruback (568-3946) runs this program, which is taught by All Pro Tennis Staff. For more information call Barry Ruback at 201-568-3946 or go to www.allprotennis.net or email: barrys10s@gmail.com.

Treasurer's Report - Beginning balance as January 2012, was \$31,937.40, total deposits for month were \$205.00, total expenses for month were \$917.84, leaving a balance of \$31,224.56. A detailed report is attached.

The amount of \$1,380.00 will be put aside for the women's softball program to be used as a credit for next year's field fee. Trophies were paid from these funds.

New Business – The Board of Recreation now has an email address. It is boardofrecreation@ridgefieldpark.org. The webmaster will then forward emails received to Barbara DeLuca.

Lloyd Domke spoke to Miss Cerniglia and Miss Van Sadlers regarding starting a volleyball clinic or camp. They were definitely interested and will get back to the Board. They might possibly hold a summer clinic or open gym night once a week during the season. They were thinking of trying this out with girls in grades 4 – 8. Lloyd is still working out the details with the coaches.

Old Business – The Board will speak to Commissioner Poli about doing background checks on coaches.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 15, 2012.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Frank Zaccherio and seconded by Mike Ruiz to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Hugo Poli