

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2011, at 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
June 16, 2011**

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 on the 29th day of December, 2010, and sent to the Star-Ledger on the 29th day of December, 2010. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Diane Maglione, Hal Bomzer, Lloyd Domke, Tom Essig, Mary Koegel and Kaitlyn Maglione were present. Carlos Carames, Rich DePena and Mercedes Haines were excused. Gil Bell, Leigh Rivera, Mike Ruiz and Frank Zaccherio were absent. Commissioner Poli was also present for the meeting.

A motion was made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Lloyd Domke to accept the minutes of the May 19, 2011, meeting. All were in favor of this motion.

Correspondence: None received.

Hearing of Citizens: None present

Activity reports were as follows:

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

Wrestling – The Board will need to meet with Uly Encarnacion prior to the start of the next season.

Girls' Softball - The season is over now. It was a good season. Lloyd Domke said the girls had a good time. Most of the games got played. One unlucky team did end up with 5 or 6 rainouts just by pure luck. There is one team in the U-Gals league going on right now. Tony Iorio is running this team. A separate registration and fee was required to participate. They have played one game so far. Tony Iorio has a bill for equipment ordered that he needs to turn in.

Lloyd is aware of two injuries this season. One injury just happened so Lloyd contacted the coach and advised that he needed to fill out the proper forms immediately. There were 49 girls in the program this year.

Women's Softball – As far as the Board knows, the season is going fine. Diane has not received any complaints from the teams. Frank Zaccherio has not been in contact with the Board to give an update. Christina Lizzie from the Lady Pirates (Kelly Higgins' team) has not sent the replacement check for her registration fee yet. Diane Maglione will contact her about this.

Diane is still having a problem with some teams using nicknames or not the full name on the roster. The names on the master roster and line-ups need to be the same.

Diane also has one shirt that was ordered for Bergen Chiro but never picked up. Another girl on them will need a \$15.00 refund because it is too late to order another shirt.

Frank's email is not working any longer so he has not responded to any messages. Diane is aware of one injury that was reported to GJEM. She has no further info from Frank.

There will be some changes necessary to registration next year as per the safety meeting attended by Diane Maglione on June 15. This will be discussed under new business.

Fourth of July – Joseph Fucarino has been named grand marshal.

Easter Egg Hunt – Commissioner Poli said he will talk to the ambulance corps. about future participation. The Board will be looking into alternative ways to handle the egg hunt. One suggestion was to have candy-filled eggs. The Board will think about this over summer break.

Holiday Display Contest – No activity at this time.

Wish Tree – No activity at this time.

Tree Lighting – Mercedes Haines will be working with Santa on some changes in the program.

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

Adult Trips/Activities – No activities at this time.

Adult Craft Classes – No activity at this time.

Basketball – The early registration form will be going out next month. The Board will be checking with the former division leaders from last year to see if they plan on returning so plans can be in place for next season. Hal Bomzer reviewed the clinic surveys. The Board is possibly thinking of moving the clinic to later in the day on Saturdays since that is the only complaint from parents – the clinic is too early in the day.

Some changes will be incorporated into the rules for next year. There must be two coaches per team. All coaches must be certified by December 31. Names of all players must be included in books next year for insurance purposes. The roster of every team will be attached to each book to make this easier. Division heads need to know there must be an equitable assignment of games amongst referees/scorers/timers. The Board needs to come up with an acceptable system for this.

Commissioner Poli knows of someone that might be interested in helping out in the program next season. He was active in basketball in another town.

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 of May 2011, was \$27,320.81, total deposits for month were \$4,139.34, total expenses for month were \$1,303.00, leaving a Lloyd Domke and seconded by Hal Bomzer accepting the report. A detailed report is attached.

New Business – There were not enough members to hold elections tonight, so elections will take place at the September reorganization meeting. By-laws will be sent to members for review. Some updates need to be done to the by-laws, such as change of meeting time to 7:00 p.m.; elections will be held in June and if there are not enough members present at the June meeting, they will be held in September; Commissioner of Public Affairs will be changed to just Commissioner. At the September reorganization meeting, the Board will also discuss specific duties of each member.

Apparently, four times a year there has to be a safety meeting. For the first time, Diane Maglione had to attend a safety meeting conducted by the Village's insurance carrier on June 15. They went over several obvious safety procedures such as proper shoes in the workplace ,etc., but also went over safety in some of the Board's activities. Most of the Board's activities already include safety regulations.

When acting solely as a Board of Recreation member on an activity, if there is an injury the member is covered by Bergen Risk. Worker Compensation I.D. Card was distributed to members present. The card outlines procedures to be followed in the event of injury.

South Bergen Joint Insurance Fund:

Instructions for reporting a work related injury for employees, volunteers which will be directed by Bergen Risk Managers, Inc., only...EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

In the event of injury, you must notify your supervisor. You must call the injury into Bergen Risk at 1-888-525-3454 at which time you will be assigned an authorized medical provider. You must complete all the necessary reports with your employer after the injury is called in. You must treat with authorized assigned providers only. You must, at all times, carry your identification card and present it at the medical office. For injuries that occur before 8:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m., you should report to an emergency room or primary care walk in facility, conveniently located, and the following day call the loss into 1-888-525-3454 – Bergen Risk.

When a member is working for the Board of Recreation, an injury is covered by GJEM Insurance and normal injury procedures should be followed.

Various literature was given out at the meeting regarding clothing, poison ivy, etc. There was a discussion on safety equipment as far as sports. The softball leagues run by ASA rules. The youth are required to wear all safety equipment. If you are over 18, ASA rules say that if you are over 18 it is your choice if the catcher wears equipment. Under 18 they must wear equipment, over 18 is it personal choice. The Board can supersede these rules. The Board can make it very clear that if the catcher is hurt and the insurance company determines that the injury would never have happened or the injury would not have been as severe, they don't have to cover you fully. The Board can mandate equipment must be used.

GJEM pointed out that many of the players have no insurance of their own. The town's insurance is then the primary. Next year each player must provide a copy of their insurance card prior to any participation. If the player has no insurance, GJEM is recommending that an extra fee will be charged to the player to help cover part of the extra charge for the rider, which is about \$15,000.00 annually. The suggestion was to charge \$50-\$100 extra fee per person. If a player is not covered by personal insurance, a player must pay this fee. The Board will make a final decision on this in September.

Old Business – Commissioner Poli needs to look into getting information on the offer from the Megan Kanka Foundation to do background checks on volunteer coaches. The money is offered on a limited basis until funds run out. The Board is assuming there are no funds left at this time.

At this time, the Board went into a short closed session.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 15, 2011.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Lloyd Domke and seconded by Hal Bomzer to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Hugo Poli