

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2012, at 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
MAY 17, 2012**

Vice President Mary Koegel called the meeting to order at 7:08 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: Hal Bomzer, Tom Essig, Scott Garris, Mercedes Haines, Mary Koegel, and Leigh Rivera were present. Kaitlyn Maglione was also present. Gil Bell, Diane Maglione, Lloyd Domke and Tom Strowbridge were excused. Mike Ruiz and Frank Zaccherio were absent.

The minutes of the April 19, 2012, meeting could not be approved as there was not a quorum of members in attendance at the last meeting.

Correspondence: An email was received from Francine Orovitz, Safety Secretary, regarding the mandatory concussion class. A letter was received from the Mayor thanking the Board for running the Easter Egg Hunt.

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 advised that she has not heard anything from Uly Encarnacion. The Board still has not received an end-of-season report from Uly. Diane Maglione will stop by to see Mr. Taibi and/or Tony Gonzalez to find out what is happening with the program. An email was sent to Uly advising that helpers in his program also needed to complete the concussion class.

Girls' Softball - Uniforms were received and paid for. The Board does not know if Lloyd Domke had the opportunity to speak to the DPW yet regarding the fields. Funds were encumbered under PO #11387.

Women's Softball – Frank Zaccherio was not present to give a report.

Fourth of July – Voting for grand marshal will take place next Monday. There are four nominations.

Easter Egg Hunt – One parent returned the empty Easter eggs her child received at the hunt.

Holiday Display Contest – No activity at this time.

Wish Tree – No activity at this time.

Tree Lighting – No activity at this time. Mercedes will work on a tighter schedule for next year.

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

Adult Trips/Activities – No activities at this time.

Adult Craft Classes – There were no registrations for the class scheduled in May.

Basketball – Forms for the clinic were handed out to the first grade classes this week. Forms will now be mailed to all players from the 2011-2012 season. Registrations will no longer be accepted at the evaluations. Registration will close on October 25. Registration is scheduled for September 28 and 29. Evaluations are scheduled for November 7 and 8.

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. Registration for the 2012 Tennis Clinic will be on Thursday, May 24, 2012, from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Fellowship Park (on the corner of Euclid and Hobart). Lessons and times will be as follows: Fridays - Session 1 June 8, 15, 22, 29; Session 2 July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 10. 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. 6-8 years old; 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. 9 - 11 years old; 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. 12 years old and up; 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Adults. Fee is \$75.00 for entire 5 week session. Levels of instruction for the beginner through intermediate. One hour sessions with a small group ratio. Free use of rackets during lesson. All rain dates will be made up. Emphasis on fundamentals, footwork and fun!!

Treasurer's Report - Beginning balance as of April 2012, was \$37,475.81, total deposits for month were \$3,260.00, total expenses for month were \$10,440.15, leaving a balance of \$30,295.66. A detailed report is attached. A motion was made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Mercedes Haines approving the Treasurer's Report. All were in favor of this motion.

New Business – Commissioner Adam MacNeill advised that he is now the Commissioner in charge of recreation but he would be attending the Commissioner's caucus meeting tonight.

Fran Orovitz sent a memo to the Board advising that the insurance company now requires that all coaches, referees and officials involved in sports programs need to successfully complete a program on the new Sports Concussion policy protocol.

The link for this website with the new Sports Concussion policy protocol is www.NJMEL.org. New Jersey law is requiring that all organizations who use the Board of Education facilities comply with this program. The online training section has a link to a 40 minute free concussion training program and mini exam and at the conclusion the coach or parent will be able to print a certificate of completion. A copy of this certificate must be sent to Fran Orovitz by May 15.

Francine Orovitz needs the names of all people involved in each program so that she can make sure she receives all certificates for the program. She is requesting that the Board let her know how many more certificates she should expect and when. She also needs a list of names so that she knows which department they are from when they come in. An email was sent to Uly Encarnacion to remind him to send in the names of his coaches ASAP as well. The basketball and girls' softball programs also need to turn in a list of people that must take the course. The following coaches already took the course through soccer and their names will be given to Francine. These coaches are: Enrique Ramirez, Edwin Santiago, Humberto Jimenez, Angel Cortes, Eamonn Radburn, Mary Blake, Victor Torres, Bruce Rehrig, Ricardo Martinez, John Kowalchuk, Brook Pollard, Susan Glynn, Rudy Atkinson, John Connors. Gil Bell has forwarded his certificate to Francine already.

Old Business – Commissioner Poli will work out details with the police department to do a background check on all adults working with the Board.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 21, 2012.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Scott Garris and seconded by Leigh Rivera to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Adam MacNeill