

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2014, at 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
MAY 8, 2014**

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 on the 15th day of January 2014, and sent to the Star Ledger on the 10th day of January 2014. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Diane Maglione, Hal Bomzer, Jimmy Coloma, Lloyd Domke, Tom Essig, Mercedes Haines, Kaitlyn Maglione and Tom Strowbridge. Scott Garriss and Mary Koegel were excused. Mike Ruiz was absent.

The minutes of the February 20, March 20, and April 17, 2014, meetings were approved.

Correspondence: Letter from Davis, Saperstein & Salomon, P.C., dated April 22, 2014, regarding lawsuit filed by Ana Rivera from a dog bite in the County Park – letter given to Village Clerk; copy of email from Lina Lopez and Kimberly Calabrese to Joseph Taibi, Athletic Director, dated April 2, 2014, regarding their running a Sports Week “due to the number of enrollment in the Rec. department is lower each year”.

Hearing of Citizens: None present.

Activity reports were as follows:

Bowling – Nothing to report.

Wrestling – No activity at this time.

Girls' Softball - Lloyd Domke said the season is going well and the girls appear to be having fun.

Women's Softball – Peggy Schneider is running the program for the Board again. Equipment has been ordered and distributed. Games have started. There are eight teams in the league this year. The teams were reminded that lights must be out at 10:00 p.m.

Fourth of July – There have been two nominations for grand marshal so far, Harold Butler and Elizabeth McCormick.

Easter Egg Hunt – The egg hunt was held on April 19. Mary Koegel had plenty of help available. Community service students from the high school assisted this year and were very helpful. There was one special needs child this year in one of the divisions that could have used the assistance of a parent. There were some children that participated in the younger division because parents' felt they needed parental assistance but they were too old to participate with the younger children. Next year children must participate in their own division or skip the hunt. There was some discussion that next year it might make the youngest division easier for all children to get an egg if everyone was lined up in a circle so all children had an egg in front of them. There were plenty of eggs this year.

Holiday Display Contest – No activity at this time.

Wish Tree – No activity at this time.

Tree Lighting – No activity at this time.

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

Adult Trips/Activities – No activity at this time.

Adult Craft Classes – No activities at this time.

Basketball – Forms for first grade students will go out shortly. Early bird forms will go out in June/July. Registration for next year is scheduled for Friday, September 26 from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday, September 27 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Roosevelt School. Evaluations will be November 3 and 5 at Lincoln School. The Board of Education will be leasing St. Francis School next year. The Board will put in a permit for use of this gym for next year.

Hal Bomzer had a meeting in Hackensack. There is someone new running their program. Next year he would like to expand even further. He would like to see it run like an official rec traveling team. The Board can join if they want. There is no fee to join only a fee to ref, which will be about \$35-\$40 per game. It might cost about \$500 for the season. The Board would require that a player must be on a rec team to participate. Logistics still need to be worked out. The Board will also think about how it might be possible to work with Little Ferry to allow the girls to join the program since there would be room to allow the girls to join the program since there are fewer girls than boys in the program.

Hal bought a controller for Lincoln School but it is not compatible even though he provided the serial number to the company. He will work with the company to find the right controller.

Diane Maglione has not heard back from Commissioner MacNeill on background checks.

Tennis – Barry Ruback (568-3946) runs this program, which is taught by All Pro Tennis Staff. Tennis lessons taught at Fellowship Park on Fridays. Session 1 will run May 30, June 6, 13, 20 & 27. Session 2 will run July 11, 18, 25, Aug 1 & 8. 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 payable to Ridgefield Park Board of Recreation. Make ups available for missed classes. 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. Registration at Fellowship Park, Thursday, May 22, 2014, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Forms can be downloaded at www.ridgefieldpark.org. For more information, call Barry Ruback at [201-568-3946](tel:201-568-3946) or barrys10s@gmail.com.

Treasurer's Report - Beginning balance as of April 2014 was \$26,198.97, total deposits for month were \$17,159.00, total expenses for month were \$5,816.49, leaving a balance of \$37,541.48. 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 – The Board has sent Commissioner MacNeill information on doing background checks.

Old Business – None at this time.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 19, 2014.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Tom Strowbridge and seconded by Lloyd Domke to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Adam MacNeill