

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2011, at 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
OCTOBER 20, 2011**

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 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, Gil Bell, Hal Bomzer, Lloyd Domke, Tom Essig, Mercedes Haines and Mary Koegel were present. Leigh Rivera and Mike Ruiz were excused. Carlos Carames and Frank Zaccherio were absent. Kaitlyn Maglione also attended the meeting.

A motion was made by Lloyd Domke and seconded by Hal Bomzer to accept the minutes of the September 15, 2011, meeting. All were in favor of this motion.

Correspondence: Email was received from Rich DePena resigning from the Board effective immediately as he is unable to fulfill his duties at this time. A letter will be sent to him thanking him for his time.

Hearing of Citizens: None present

Activity reports were as follows:

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

Wrestling – Flyers will go out in the schools (RP/LF/Bogota) to advise that registration will be held on November 8 and 15 at 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the auxiliary gym. Uly will make the copies for the actual registration night. Tom Essig and/or Mary Koegel will be present at the registration to assist Uly.

The Board will send Uly the guidelines for running the program after they are updated. He also advised the Board that this is probably the last year that the referee fees will be this price. Mary Koegel will arrange for the EMTs for the meets.

Girls' Softball - No activity at this time. Lloyd Domke will get the dates he would like to use the high school gym for softball practice in the winter so the use of facility form can be sent in.

Women's Softball – Frank Zaccherio has not been in contact with the Board to give an update. Diane Maglione has been contacted by several teams that are upset because Frank advised them that there would be no party at the end of the season. The leftover registration fees are supposed to be used for the party as it is the team's money. Money was collected for the party and the teams are entitled to a party or refund of funds.

In the interest of things running smoothly, the Board feels it would be fair if the money set aside for the party this year be used as a credit for the field fee next year. This way all teams would still benefit from the funds. If a team does not return next year, that team representative will receive a \$140.00 refund. As there is disagreement amongst teams on whether or not to even have a party, this will be voted on at the January meeting with team representatives to discuss for next season. Also on the agenda will be the possible addition of a \$50 fee for any player that does not have their own medical insurance and will use the Village carrier as their primary insurance.

A motion was made by Tom Essig and seconded by Gil Bell that the money set aside for a party this year will be used for the field usage fee next year and any team that does not participate next

season, will receive a \$140.00 refund to be given to the team representative for distribution. All were in favor of this motion.

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

Fourth of July – No activity at this time.

Easter Egg Hunt – Mary Koegel has been looking into alternative ways to handle the egg hunt. She has been researching prices of candy-filled eggs. 3,600 eggs are needed for the egg hunt.

Holiday Display Contest – The contest will take place on December 23. Registrations are due by December 20. Prizes have been ordered. The twelve honorable mention ornaments are in and there will be one grandprize winner and four runner-ups. Mary Koegel will run this activity again. Funds have been encumbered under PO # 8830.

Wish Tree – Kaitlyn and Diane Maglione will handle this event. Gifts need to be returned by December 16. A notice will be sent in the schools to advise about the wish tree. Kaitlyn will speak to the Welfare Dept. about names and whether they contact the civic organizations in town or if she should send letters.

Tree Lighting – Funds have been encumbered under PO #6521. Everyone has been contacted for tree lighting event. Singers have been notified but Mercedes Haines is still unsure about cub scouts and girl scouts. The problem is that the girl scouts might be run by Girl Scout Council at this time. The scouts will be given a November 1 deadline to confirm if they will be participating so there is time to make other arrangements if necessary. If they are not singing, Mercedes will ask high school chorus and band to just add one or two more songs to their repertoire. Chairs have been secured. Mrs. Claus is ready. Mercedes will see Santa at the end of this month to finalize the schedule. Fire house has been contacted and she just needs to get elves. Sound system has been confirmed and the voucher has already been signed. 7-11 said yes and Tom Essig will get the extension cords. Mercedes will send an email to the DPW to remind them about the generator and will speak to Irma at the ambulance corps.

Rag-A-Muffin – The parade is scheduled for Saturday, October 29 with a raindate of Sunday, October 30 at 2:00 p.m. The goodie bags are ready. Trophies have been delivered to Mike Ruiz, who will make sure they are ready for the parade. A few trophies were added to the out-of-town division (Best Group, Best Float/Wagon, Judges' Choice). Memo was sent to the DPW and police department. Flyers were distributed in the schools. Funds have been encumbered under PO #8831. Members should meet by the park at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 29. The high school was contacted to see if there were any students looking for community service. Refreshments will be available for those assisting at the parade.

Adult Trips/Activities – No activities at this time.

Adult Craft Classes – No activity at this time.

Basketball – Four out of five division heads will be returning. There will be a division heads meeting on Tuesday, October 25 at 8:00 p.m. in the DARE room. Some new things to be discussed at the meeting will be two coaches per team, even if one is just a parent as a team manager just in case an extra adult is needed at a practice or game. Coaches must be certified by December 31, 2011, or they can't continue to coach. Distribution of scorers/timers/referees will also be discussed.

Division Heads will be: 3/4/5 Girls – Gil Bell, 6/7/8 Girls – Mike Ruiz, 3/4 Boys – Chris Charas, 5/6 Boys Matt Lewandowski, 7/8 Boys Tom Strowbridge.

Evaluations will be held on November 1 and 2 at Lincoln School. Members are needed to arrive at 6:00 p.m. Evaluations start at 6:30 p.m. Reminders and starting info will be sent to all registered players after October 25, 2011. A memo will be sent to all members to see who can assist on evaluation night.

A mandatory meeting for scorers/timers will be held at Lincoln School gym on November 30, 2011, beginning at 7:00 p.m. and at 7:45 p.m. for coaches/referees. A reminder will be sent to all scorers/timers/referees/coaches that the meeting is mandatory.

The certification class will be held on November 17 starting at 7:00 p.m. Registration will be at 6:45 p.m. There is a new section on concussions and the Board was advised that it could invite all previously certified coaches to attend the class again to learn the additions to the certification class. There would be no charge for these coaches as they do not need packets. If coaches are a no-show at the class without advance notice to the Board, the Board will not pay for a second class for these coaches as no refunds are issued for people that do not show up. All coaches will be given information on how to get certified if they cannot attend the November 17 class. The deadline to register for the class is November 10 in order to have enough time to order supplies.

Diane Maglione brought up referee fees so a discussion could be held before the season started as was decided last year. The current rate is \$25.00 per game for 3/4/5 girls, 3/4 boys and 5/6 boys; \$30 for 6/7/8 girls and 7/8 boys. After a short discussion, it was decided that if there is only one referee present at a game, that referee is entitled to both fees as it is harder to handle these games alone.

A motion was made by Gil Bell and seconded by Lloyd Domke that in the few instances that there is only one referee, that referee is entitled to both fees as it is a much harder job for only one person; if this happens on a continual basis a new policy will need to be instituted in both assigning and payment of referees. All were in favor of this motion with the exception of Hal Bomzer, who abstained from the vote.

Hal Bomzer will not be doing pictures this year and will not be making arrangements for pictures this year. Hal will explain this at the division head meeting so everyone is aware pictures are not scheduled for this season.

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 September 2011, was \$30,662.15, total deposits for month were \$610.00, total expenses for month were \$55.00, leaving a balance of \$31,777.15. A detailed report is attached. The amount of \$1,480.00 will be put aside for the women's softball program to be used as a credit for next year's field fee.

A motion was made by Gil Bell and seconded by Hal Bomzer, accepting the report. All were in favor of this motion.

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New Business – Elections were held at the meeting. Nominations were as follows:

Diane Maglione was nominated as President by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Mercedes Haines. No other nominations were received. A vote was taken and Diane Maglione was unanimously voted in as President.

Mary Koegel was nominated as Vice President by Tom Essig and seconded by Mercedes Haines. No other nominations were received. A vote was taken and Mary Koegel was unanimously voted in as Vice-President.

Tom Essig was nominated as Treasurer by Mercedes Haines and seconded by Gil Bell. No other

nominations were received. A vote was taken and Tom Essig was unanimously voted in as Treasurer.

A vote was taken to approve the amended by-laws, which were distributed to all members for review prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Gil Bell and seconded by Hal Bomzer to approve the amendments to the by-laws. All were in favor of this motion. A copy of the amended by-laws will be given to the Clerk's Office as well as all members.

There are two openings on the Board. A brief closed session was held to suggest possible new members. These suggestions will be given to Commissioner Poli for appointment to the Board.

Old Business – None at this time.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 17, 2011. Leigh Rivera will be excused as she will be assisting at the certification class.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Gil Bell and seconded by Lloyd Domke to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Hugo Poli