

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2012, at 7:00 P.M.**

**BOARD OF RECREATION  
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2012**

Vice-President Mary Koegel called the meeting to order at 7:05 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: Gil Bell, Hal Bomzer, Tom Essig, Scott Garris, Mary Koegel and Leigh Rivera. Diane Maglione, Lloyd Domke, Mercedes Haines and Tom Strowbridge were excused. Mike Ruiz and Frank Zaccherio were absent.

The minutes of the June 21, 2012, meeting were approved.

**Correspondence:** A card was received from John Anlian thanking the Board for their expression of sympathy. The minutes of the September 11, 2012, Safety Meeting were received from Fran Orovitz. Permits came in for the basketball program for Roosevelt and Lincoln Schools.

**Hearing of Citizens:** None Present.

Activity reports were as follows:

**Bowling** – Nothing to report. Flyers were distributed.

**Wrestling** – Ulysses Encarnacion sent over the flyer to be copied and distributed in the schools in Ridgefield Park, Bogota and Little Ferry. Registration will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup> and November 14. First practice will be held on November 26 from 6:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Girls' Softball** - No activity at this time.

**Women's Softball** – Frank Zaccherio was not present to give a final report. Teams are still complaining that Frank still allows some teams to decide when and where to play a game and would like to see the rules take a firmer stand on "fields are at a premium" and not allow higher seeded teams to decide whether they want to play on the men's field or not.

**Fourth of July** – No activity at this time.

**Easter Egg Hunt** – No activity at this time.

**Holiday Display Contest** – No activity at this time. Mary Koegel is looking into the prizes.

**Wish Tree** – No activity at this time.

**Tree Lighting** – Mercedes Haines has made some changes to the program for this year. It should be much shorter and end by 6:30 p.m. She is in the process of finalizing the singers.

**Rag-A-Muffin** – Flyers will go out in the schools in October. The parade will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. Registration starts at 10:30 a.m. Members should meet at 9:00 a.m. Rain date will be Sunday, October 28, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. Since the trophies were not used last year all that was needed were new plates for this year. They will be given to Mike Ruiz to be changed for the parade.

**Adult Trips/Activities** – No activities at this time.

**Adult Craft Classes** – No activities at this time.

**Basketball** – Forms will go out in the schools next week. 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. A note will be put in the Patriot and on the internet advising people of the new insurance requirement that all coaches must take the concussion class before they can participate. This should give everyone time to take the required 40 minute class at their convenience. Volunteers are needed for registration night at Roosevelt School. So far this is who is available:

Friday, September 28, 2012 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – Hal Bomzer, Lloyd Domke  
 Saturday, September 29, 2012 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Leigh Rivera, Gil Bell

**Tennis** – Barry Ruback (568-3946) runs this program, which is taught by All Pro Tennis Staff. Program is now over. Mr. Ruback was reminded of the proper lightning procedures in place by the Board.

**Treasurer's Report** - Beginning balance as of June 2012, was \$28,577.66, total deposits for month were \$745.00, total expenses for month were \$1,749.00, leaving a balance of \$28,577.66. A detailed report is attached. Beginning balance as of July 2012, was \$28,577.66, total deposits for month were \$0, total expenses for month were \$82.84, leaving a balance of \$28,494.82. Beginning balance as of August 2012, was \$28,494.82, total deposits for month were \$5,251.65, total expenses for month were \$1,760.00, leaving a balance of \$31,986.27.

A motion was made by Gil Bell and seconded by Hal Bomzer approving the Treasurer's Report. All were in favor of this motion.

**New Business** – None at this time.

**Old Business** – There is a new insurance requirement that all Ridgefield Park Board of Recreation coaches, referees and officials involved in sports programs need to successfully complete a program on the new Sports Concussion policy protocol. This needs to be done before anyone participates in a sports program. The link for this website with the new Sports Concussion policy protocol is [www.NJMEL.org](http://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.

Francine Orovitz still needs the names of all people involved in sports programs so that she can make sure she receives all certificates for the program. She also needs a list of names so that she knows which department they are from when they come in. The wrestling program has already turned in their certificates. 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. Diane Maglione advised her that most programs do not know who the coaches are until much closer to their starting date.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 18, 2012.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Scott Garris to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Adam MacNeill