

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.**

**BOARD OF RECREATION  
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY  
May 18, 2017**

President Diane Maglione called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 and sent to the Star Ledger as well as posted on the Village bulletin board. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Diane Maglione, Lloyd Domke, Gil Bell, Hal Bomzer, Jimmy Coloma and Tom Strowbridge. Excused: Scott Garris, Mercedes Haines, Kaitlyn Maglione, Mike Ruiz and David Urbay. Absent: Rodney Craft.

The minutes of the April 20, 2017, meeting were approved by a motion made by Lloyd Domke and seconded by Hal Bomzer. All were in favor of this motion.

**Correspondence:** 1) letter from Mayor Fosdick thanking the Board for running the Easter Egg Hunt 2) permit for use of TJ gym for T2S Basketball summer session 3) copy of letter from Philip Boggia, Esq., to Tri-Titans regarding refund of \$2,258.88 due to the Board due to non-delivery of wrestling clothing and return of sales tax 4) proposal from Dan Reeves regarding wrestling program for 2017-2018 wrestling season

**Hearing of Citizens:** None present.

**Bowling –** Nothing to report.

**Wrestling –** Diane Maglione and Lloyd Domke met with Commissioner MacNeill to discuss the wrestling program. Dan Reeves sent two proposals for how he wants wrestling to run next year. One proposal calls for the regular recreational wrestling and one is for dual meets. Uly Encarnacion happened to be in another meeting and stopped in. He was able to clear up a few things for everyone. This is what was included in Dan's proposal and discussed with Commissioner MacNeill.

Under Dan's proposal, he will be the only person that approves all communication to and from the parents. He wants all communication from the Board of Recreation to come through him or his head coach. He also wants any problems or complaints regarding the program to be relayed through him and he will respond. Dan is the one that must keep the Board advised, not the other way around. Complaints and problems will not go through him because the Board needs to know of all complaints and problems in its program.

Dan proposes holding four registrations in September and two in October. He wants flyers to go through the schools in May and September. The Board will continue with just its two regular registrations in the fall.

Dan suggested an early registration of \$60 per child (prior to first practice) and a late registration fee of \$70 per child (after the first practice) with a maximum registration of \$175 per family. The Board will determine the fee at a later date.

Expenses to be covered by the Board, according to Dan, will be \$4,350.00 broken down as:

League Fee \$700, 3 Tournaments \$1,500, Trophy Dinner \$350, 15 Singlets \$900 (\$60 per singlet), 3 Refs @\$150 for 2 home Saturday meets \$900 for a grand total of \$4,350.00. Per Dan, all tournaments and expenses outside of the amounts above will be paid by parents.

Dan also advised that the program will not be using the sweatshirts that were ordered this year as the sizes will no longer be accurate nor will it be the same number of kids. He will be requesting parents to order a warm-up for their child out of the wrestling catalog, which will be provided in the beginning of the

year. The Board will not agree to this. This is not Dan's place to decide and the Board only uses approved vendors as it previously advised Dan. The previous vendor selected by Dan never completed the order and still has not returned the money for the undelivered sweatpants or sales tax erroneously charged to the Board.

Dan further stated that these terms must be agreed upon prior to the start of the 2017-2018 season. After discussing this proposal with Commissioner MacNeill, the Board will not agree to these terms and will be finding a competent person to run the wrestling program.

Apparently, the Board did not act quickly enough for Dan Reeves and he contacted Supt. Eric Koenig. There were rumors going around that the Board was not sponsoring wrestling and Dan was going to be the person to keep the program running. Dan also told Dennis Murri there would be no wrestling program. Commissioner MacNeill is not agreeing to any of these terms from Dan Reeves.

Diane Maglione emailed Dan Reeves that the Board did not agree with this. Dennis Murri called Diane at work the morning following the wrestling meeting as Dan advised him of the Board's response. Before Dennis Murri said anything, Diane Maglione explained that Commissioner MacNeill made the final decision. There were numerous inconsistencies with facts this past season such as previously purchased singlets were not misplaced. The ordering of the sweats was a disaster. Philip Boggia, Esq., has sent a letter to Duke Lee of Tri-Titans advising that not only was the merchandise not delivered in a timely fashion but half the order wasn't processed and, therefore, never delivered and a refund still has not been received.

Commissioner MacNeill would like the Board to send a memo to all coaches asking their opinion on the season and what they liked and what they did not like about the program. It seems that this season Uly Encarnacion was cut off of information in the program this year. He was not kept up-to-date on what happened throughout the season. Dan Reeves was instructed by Uly to keep him in the loop but Dan changed the passwords to the internet programs immediately.

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

**Women's Softball** – Packets have been turned in and the season has started. The weather has not been too cooperative so far. Peggy Schneider will continue as Program Liaison. There was a change in rules as far as turning in rosters and win/loss record. Diane Maglione informed all teams that in an effort to streamline things, when submitting game info she was trying a different approach.

Before the games, when exchanging line-ups, if you can't confirm the registration of an opposing player, bring it to the umpire's attention immediately. After the game, the home team should email the date of the game, name of teams (visitors vs home), and final score listing the winning team. They should also let her know if it's a make-up game and the date of the original scheduled game. If they find there are too many discrepancies, then we'll go back to listing the line ups too.

**Fourth of July** – Nominations are being accepted for grand marshal.

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

**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.

**Ping Pong** – This program is on hold due to the Civic Center being currently unavailable. Work is underway and the program will start up again once the room is ready.

**Basketball** – There were three checks to scorers/timers that went missing and were replaced ASAP. One of the checks was never delivered and the other two, mailed together, arrived later and were destroyed.

The Board will be sending a letter to Italo Tafur regarding his giving out t-shirts to his son's teams at the championship. The Board had no prior knowledge of this gift from Italo. This was not the appropriate time or place for distribution of the shirts to only his son's team while the other team was getting their trophies.

The Board will look into the repair of the backboard at Lincoln School. The height adjuster needs repair. The Board would like to be able to instruct Corby Associates to do annual preventative maintenance at the elementary schools. Rec needs Board of Education approval before any work can be done.

The Board will also submit use of facilities permits for next year's basketball program.

**Tennis** – Barry Ruback (568-3946) runs this program, which is taught by All Pro Tennis Staff. Forms went out for 2017 Summer Tennis, which is scheduled for: Fridays, June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28. Fee is \$75 and participants can email Barry to reserve a spot. Payment is made at the first class.

**T2S Basketball** – Larry Umana held registration for the spring session. A list of registrations and fees has been provided to the Board. Permits were received for the schools.

**Summer Fitness Camp** – Registration will be on-line this year. Participants can pre-register using this link: <http://goo.gl/forms/eVVlp6YyTH>. Camp will be opened from 2nd Grade (Fall 2017) to 8th Grade. Campers will be broken up into groups based on age and skill level. Rodney Craft will speak with Donna at the DPW to arrange for the park permit. The Board will send an email to the Ambulance Corps. about setting up EMTs for the camp dates.

**Camp Dates:**

Tuesdays through Thursdays

Week 1: Aug 1st - 3rd

Week 2: Aug 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>

Week 3: Aug 15<sup>th</sup> - 17th

**Location:** Veterans Park – Turf Field

**Time:** 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

**Competition Cheer Team** – Diane Maglione and Lloyd Domke met with Commissioner MacNeill and Sammy Aguilar of Little Ferry PAL about the cheering program.

Sammy Aguilar explained that the Junior Football Association is still an organization because they can fundraise and they must help fundraise for the boys. The Little Ferry Boys Club will also help fundraise for Little Ferry. Sammy said that PAL asked the Boys Club and the Football Association for \$5,000.00.

RP's JFA fundraising goes to football and cheering. PAL asked for \$5,000.00 from them and the Boy's Club and received it. The Board believes it was the stipend money, which is fine. In the future, the stipend money will go directly to PAL football/cheering.

Sammy said the PAL had no interest to do any competition cheering. He did not mind if anyone ran a competition cheer. Kathy Tabasco and Jill Perez of Junior Football and Fausta Vargas and Kellie Nagle joined the meeting after Diane and Lloyd were done speaking with Sammy and Commissioner MacNeill to get information on the past activities involving cheering. Sammy Aguilar left prior to the ladies arriving.

Two items were cleared up at this meeting. Kathy Tabasco started a Facebook page for cheering listed under the LF PAL football cheering and she is the administrator. She only allows her cheer team's information on it. Kathy Tabasco said she calls her team "Recreation" Cheer because it is only a recreational level team. Diane Maglione asked them not to do that. It is very misleading for people to see a Board of Recreation Competition Cheer Team and her "Recreation" Cheer team and understand they are completely different organizations. Kathy laughed when Diane said she would like to see if JFA is permitted to use the term "Recreation" cheering when there is already a Board of Recreation team.

Fausta Vargas and Kellie Nagle said that they have 34 registrations so far. They spoke to Jim Barone to get next year's practice at the same time. As they previously noted, they will be donating back to the K of C. They will use their facility and they will charge per person. The K of C will make money off of it.

Fausta asked if it was ok if her two nieces (who are not RP residents) cheered on the team. Commissioner MacNeill gave permission for Fausta's nieces to cheer with the team.

A \$50.00 deposit is due upon registration. Registration closes on June 23. Payment in full is due by July 1. On July 10 they will be starting their program. Registration is still going on so they will turn in forms and fees in June. Tumbling will run until June 19. They start on their new things on July 10. Tumbling fee will be per girl. There will be two groups, 6<sup>th</sup> grade and under and 4<sup>th</sup> grade and under. Choreography is safety so it should come out of the town budget. The Board will confirm this.

They have their end-of-season awards dinner coming up on June 3 from 7-11 p.m. at the K of C. They will be selling tickets for \$30 and proceeds will go to the K of C as a thank you for allowing them to practice there as well as store the mats there.

**Acting and Improvisation** – Rachel Maddock will be running Summer Acting Classes and Mini Theatre Camp – July 10-August 11<sup>th</sup> – All Grades. There will be on-going registration. Registration forms are available at the Clerk's Office or on-line.

**Treasurer's Report** - Beginning balance as of May was \$18,195.83, total deposits were \$400 total expenses were \$1,405.58 leaving a balance of \$17,190.25. A detailed report is in the file. A motion was made by Gil Bell and seconded by Hal Bomzer to approve the Treasurer's report. All were in favor of this motion.

**Old Business** – None at this time.

**New Business:** None at this time.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 22, 2017.

A motion was made by Lloyd Domke and seconded by Hal Bomzer to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

cc: Commissioner Adam MacNeill

Barbara DeLuca