

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
January 18, 2018**

President Diane Maglione called the meeting to order at 7:00 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: Diane Maglione, Gil Bell, Hal Bomzer, Lloyd Domke, Mercedes Haines and Kaitlyn Maglione. Excused: Jimmy Coloma, Rodney Craft, Scott Garris, Mike Ruiz and Tom Strowbridge.

The minutes of the November 16, 2017, meeting were approved by a motion made by Gil Bell and seconded by Mercedes Haines. All were in favor of this motion.

Correspondence: 1) letter dated December 15, 2017, from Mayor Fosdick thanking the Board for the tree lighting ceremony

Hearing of Citizens: None present.

Bowling – Nothing to report.

Girls' Softball – No activity at this time.

Women's Softball – Packets were sent out to all teams and are due back by March 31, 2018. Since there was no end-of-season party last year, those funds will be applied toward the field usage fee.

Fourth of July – There has been one nomination for grand marshal, Harry Welte.

Easter Egg Hunt – The hunt is scheduled for March 31, 2018. Mr. Raimondi was reminded of the date so nothing is scheduled on the fields. Kaitlyn Maglione will order the eggs for the event. The amount used last year seemed to work out well so she will order the same amount. An email will be sent to the high school looking for interested community service students. Diane will notify some students she knows looking for community service hours. One of the older girl scouts' troops had also expressed an interest in helping. The Board will ask Tara O'Grady what days the DARE Room will be available to stuff the eggs. The March 15 meeting date is also used to stuff the remaining eggs.

Holiday Display Contest – The contest was held on Friday, December 22. Christmas blankets and ornaments were given as prizes. The grand prize winner also received a \$50.00 gift card to MK Valencia. About half the winners came to the January 9, 2018, Commissioners' Meeting to get their prize. The remaining prizes were dropped off to the winner's homes. Everything seemed to go well, and all seemed pleased with the results. Commissioner Anlian requested pictures of the winners.

NAME	ADDRESS	PRIZE
Dayle's Village Flower Shoppe	286 Teaneck Road	Business
Van Buskirk Family	122 Euclid Avenue	Grand Prize Winner
Theuret Family	120 Hazelton Street	First Place
Ed Kazmierczak	567 Teaneck Road	Second Place
Steve & Missy Rudersdorf	105 Orchard Street	Third Place
Ana Valdez	44 Union Place	Fourth Place
Roberts Family	326 Teaneck Road	Honorable Mention
Debbie & Phil Dispenza	22 Overpeck Avenue	Honorable Mention
Hoffman Family	20 Highland Place	Honorable Mention
Garris Family	19 Roosevelt Avenue	Honorable Mention

Marlboro House	265 Main Street	Honorable Mention
Ruiz Family	31 Austin Street	Honorable Mention
Susan Morton & Bryan Ezring	97 Edwin Street	Honorable Mention
Billy Featherstone	34 Teaneck Road	Honorable Mention
Linda Scalabrini	116 Union Place	Honorable Mention
Tabasco Family	22 Teaneck Road	Honorable Mention

Wish Tree – Elizabeth Van Geldren handled the wish tree at Oritani Bank. Everything went well. All tags were returned and gifts delivered to everyone.

Tree Lighting – The tree lighting was held on December 3, 2017. The Roosevelt School music teacher did a great job with the kids. The soloists need to be moved up on the stairs so everyone can see them. It still appeared a bit dark, so the Rescue Squad will be asked if it is possible for them to provide additional lighting without using a generator close to the crowd since it makes it very hard to hear the singers and speakers. Gil Bell will put up the Board's lights on the trees again to help light up the event. The boy scout troops seem to be getting smaller so there may be a problem with them participating next year. The three high school music teachers are retiring in June, so Mercedes won't know if soloists will be available next year from the high school. Mercedes said that when the ceremony was over there were candy cane wrappers all over the street that the DPW had to clean up. Mercedes is thinking of adding another character or maybe cotton candy or popcorn to the event. She added three additional \$50 baskets this year, which seemed to make the kids happy. The Board will still consider getting Dickens carolers for the tree lighting next year.

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 – Raising the fee given to the officials and getting an assigner has greatly helped the program. It is much easier to fill a last-minute need for an official. First half ends on Saturday and division leaders have been told to drop off their books this weekend. There are a lot of new custodians this year, but they have all been great. The scoreboard controller at Grant has come in and should be fixed now. Hal Bomzer has not heard any complaints from any of the school Principals or any parents. So far, the season seems to be running well.

Tennis – Barry Ruback (568-3946) runs this program, which is taught by All Pro Tennis Staff.

T2S Basketball – No activity at this time.

Summer Fitness Camp – Rodney Craft will not be able to run the program next year. The Board did receive an email from someone who might be able to handle this activity in the future. He was to make a presentation to the Board on the program he would like to run but the Board has not heard anything further from him.

Competition Cheer Team – Fausta Vargas and Kellie Nagle are running this program again. The Board has the list of competitions they will be competing in and Kaitlyn Maglione has taken care of the checks. They have requested insurance certificates from Matt McArow of GJEM Insurance. The season is running well, and the girls are doing well in the competitions. A memo was sent to the K of C as well as Kathy Tabasco reminding them that the only group permitted and insured to use the Board of Recreation mats, is the Board of Recreation cheering program. The girls were invited to participate in a competition in Jackson this weekend.

Acting and Improvisation – Rachel Maddock will have Spring Semester classes from February 6 through May 11. Rachel is renting space on Saturdays at Spotlight Performing Arts Academy on Main Street by North Avenue.

Treasurer's Report - Beginning balance as of November 1, 2017, was \$35,897.31, total deposits were \$4,977.00, total expenses were \$11,616.30, leaving a balance of \$29,258.01 as of December 31, 2017. A detailed report is in the file. A motion was made by Gil Bell and seconded by Mercedes Haines to approve the Treasurer's Report. All were in favor of the motion.

Old Business – 1) Matt McArrow took the wrestling clothing to sell and forward the money from these sales to the Board of Recreation. The Board has not heard back from Matt as to how the sales went. Diane Maglione will contact the attorneys to see what is happening with the lawsuit against Duke Lee for the return of the funds for wrestling clothing never delivered.

2) The Board will contact the DPW to advise it would like to buy a new storage trailer as the old one leaks. The DPW would be needed to swap it out. The Board will ask the DPW what is the procedure to get a new trailer.

New Business: None at this time.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 15, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. on a motion made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Mercedes Haines. All were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

cc: Commissioner Adam MacNeill

Barbara DeLuca