

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2018**

**BOARD OF RECREATION  
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY  
March 15, 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, Lloyd Domke and Kaitlyn Maglione. Excused: Hal Bomzer, Scott Garris, Mercedes Haines, Mike Ruiz and Tom Strowbridge. Absent: Jimmy Coloma, Rodney Craft.

The minutes of the February 15, 2018, meeting were approved by a motion made by Gil Bell and seconded by Kaitlyn Maglione. All were in favor of this motion.

**Correspondence:** 1) email from Theresa Viscardi-Lynch regarding enriching program for special needs teens /above population 2) Email from Karissa Tress regarding basketball incident 3) emails from Timothy Patrisso regarding basketball incident.

**Hearing of Citizens** – None Present.

**Bowling** – Nothing to report.

**Girls' Softball** – No activity at this time. Lloyd Domke did speak to Mook Iannocone earlier in the week about softball. Mook Iannocone had emailed the Board expressing an interest in running a clinic since girls are arriving at the high school with no softball experience. Lloyd will contact Mook Iannocone again. Lloyd was thinking maybe a summer clinic could be run to give the girls more experience.

**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. Lazy Lanigan's emailed that they don't think they are returning this year as they lost their sponsor. The DPW has advised that the women's program was added to the schedule for a field permit.

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

**Easter Egg Hunt** – The hunt is scheduled for March 31, 2018. Eggs were filled with the help of some Board of Recreation members as well as community service students from the high school. All the prize chocolate bunnies were bought but a squirrel got into the DARE Room and chewed through some of the boxes so the bunnies had to be replaced. The eggs were moved to a holding cell as a temporary solution to keep them safe. Diane Maglione was asked to remove the eggs so she had to take them to her home for storage until the hunt. The Police Dept. and DPW have been notified of the hunt. Community service students were asked to assist at the hunt. Flyers will go out in the schools next week. A letter was sent to the Ambulance Corps in February but no response was received. The Board will reach out to the Ambulance Corps again.

All available members are needed at the hunt. A Board member needs to be in charge of each division. Lloyd Domke and Diane Maglione will start packing the eggs and necessary supplies at 7:45 a.m. A Board volunteer is needed to be at the park at 8:00 a.m. to get things organized until Lloyd and Diane arrive.

The Board will also request the DPW to make sure the fields are clean and in a safe condition for the children since there have been recent storms causing branches to fall as well as a general clean-up of the fields.

All available members are needed at the hunt. Members should meet at 8:00 a.m. on the Preston Street side of the high school to hide the eggs.

**Holiday Display Contest** – No activity at this time.

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

**Tree Lighting** – Mercedes Haines will attend the spring concert at the high school to be on the look-out for possible soloists for the tree lighting. There are several possible Dickens caroling groups that are available to use for the tree

lighting. Lloyd Domke is going to check into a theatre group in Leonia to see if they have any interest in singing at the tree lighting. The Board will again have the bicycle and three \$50 prize baskets as prizes. The Board felt there is time to decide on which carolers to use and how many characters to have. At this time, the Board did not think it was necessary to have food carts at the tree lighting.

**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** – The season finally ended last night with no issues. As a whole, the season went well. There were a couple of incidents, which were blown out of proportion by parents involved, which caused a lot of work for some members with emails, special meetings, etc. The weather also wreaked havoc with the schedule. There was a lot of postponing and juggling to get all games in.

Hal Bomzer was disappointed not getting to use the high school gym for the older boys' and girls' divisions. He will discuss this further at a future meeting. Friday night was very distracting and they had to remove a number of students who were not cooperating. The amount of people going in and out of the gym was also a distraction to the players, coaches, etc. Next year, Hal will include the needed high school playoff dates in his main schedule submitted in November. Hopefully this will give the high school time to reserve it for the program.

Division Heads have all been advised to get all payment info and books to Barbara. The trophies for only 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> worked out well. It gave us an opportunity to have a third-place game, which took a little sting away from semi-final losers and gave them another competitive game. The medals, as a change, for the other teams were well received.

The school teams program went well. We only ended up with five home dates, but they played in tournaments and players really learned a lot. If the school again won't support 7/8 teams next year, the Board can probably ask Brian Cooney to do the girls again. We will need to find someone to take the boys.

At a future date, there are some potential problems to discuss for next year in order to avoid some incidents that occurred the past two years.

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

**Session 1 April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5**

**Session 2 May 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16**

2:00 - 3:00 pm 6 - 7 years old

3:00 - 4:00 pm 8 - 10 years old

4:00 - 5:00 pm 11 years old and up

**T2S Basketball** – There is ongoing registration at • [www.t2sba.com](http://www.t2sba.com) for registration online using the registration tab on the website. For further information, interested people can email [t2sbasketballacademy@gmail.com](mailto:t2sbasketballacademy@gmail.com) or on Facebook: @t2sbasketballacademy or follow T2S on Instagram for updates on scheduled training sessions, packages and locations.

**Summer Fitness Camp** – Rodney Craft will not be able to run the program this year. The Board had received an email from someone who might be able to handle this activity and he was to make a presentation to the Board. The Board never heard anything further from him.

**Competition Cheer Team** – A tumbling class to run from April 12 – May 10 at Hackensack Rams is being offered to any girl that wants to participate. The cost is \$10 per person per class to be paid by the parents. RP Storm also won State Champions for 6<sup>th</sup> grade and under and second place for 4<sup>th</sup> grade and under. They will be attending two more competitions in Atlantic City and Hershey Park. They are doing well.

**Acting and Improvisation** – Classes now forming for the Summer Session for all grades. On-going Registration. Registration forms available at the Clerk's office or on-line. The program continues to slowly grow.

**Treasurer's Report** - Beginning balance as of February 1, 2018, was \$27,698.01, total deposits were \$120.00, total expenses were \$8,125.17, leaving a balance of \$19,692.84 as of March 15, 2018. A detailed report is in the file. A

motion was made by Gil Bell and seconded by Lloyd Domke to approve the Treasurer's Report. All were in favor of the motion.

**Old Business – 1)** Matt McArrow was asked to return the unsold shirts by tonight's meeting. He said he was able to sell 6 sweatshirts plus the ten coaches' shirts. He offered to buy the remaining sweatshirts for \$25. The Board wanted to take an inventory and try again next year to sell the sweatshirts. The Board emailed this info to Matt but has not gotten a response yet. 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)** A new storage container will cost \$6,000.00. A used storage container is about \$1,500-\$2,000.

**3)** Proposed basketball program for next year to run from Jan-March. Mr. Koenig said there certainly is room in the schedule on Saturday nights; however, it would require custodial overtime every night the program would run. That being said, it becomes a Board Office issue more than a building issue as it would be at an expense to the district.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 19, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. on a motion made by Gil Bell and seconded by Lloyd Domke. All were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

cc: Commissioner Adam MacNeill

Barbara DeLuca