

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
NOVEMBER 19, 2015**

President Diane Maglione 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 and sent to the Star Ledger on the 31stth day of December 2014. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Diane Maglione, Jimmy Coloma, Lloyd Domke, Scott Garris, Mercedes Haines, Kaitlyn Maglione, Mike Ruiz and David Urbay. Hal Bomzer, Rodney Craft and Tom Strowbridge were excused.

The minutes of the October 15, 2015, meeting were approved by a motion made by Mercedes Haines and seconded by Jimmy Coloma. All were in favor of this motion.

Correspondence: permits came in for Lincoln School for the basketball season as well as for the certification class

Hearing of Citizens: None present.

Activity reports were as follows:

Bowling – Nothing to report.

Wrestling – Registration was October 22 and 29. Forms were distributed in the schools. The Board has not heard further from Sal Arrigo yet as it is early into organizing the season. Lloyd Domke said he would be the liaison for this activity.

Girls' Softball – No activity at this time.

Women's Softball – No activity at this time.

Fourth of July – No activity at this time.

Easter Egg Hunt – No activity at this time but the Board will discuss the location at a later time. The Board will meet (possibly more than one meeting) to fill the eggs for the hunt. The Ambulance Corps will also need to be reminded that they are supposed to furnish allergy-free candy for those that request it.

Holiday Display Contest – The prizes are in. The Board will add 10 honorable mention ornaments as prizes. Lloyd Domke spoke to Bob Kilmurray and he said the Board can use one of the buses to judge the contest. The Board will pay for the bus driver. The Board will decide on the time and place to meet for the bus. The contest will take place on December 18. Registrations are due by December 17.

Wish Tree – Kaitlyn spoke with Jackie from the Welfare Department. The tags will be placed in TD Bank on November 27th, the day after Thanksgiving. We will ask that the gifts be returned by December 16th. They will be sorted on the 18th and distributed on the 21st. There are 27 names on the list. The Rotary Club is also taking some names on the list.

Tree Lighting – A new tree has been planted. Mercedes Haines has spoken to Lincoln School about performing. Olivia Wilson will be the soloist again. The girl scouts have confirmed. So far only 7 cub scouts have confirmed they will participate. The characters have been ordered for the lighting. There will be a table for the raffle entries. She will make up two \$50 prize baskets as consolation prizes. Vorhees-Ingwerson has agreed to sponsor the bicycle again. Slurpees will be available. There are glow sticks for the children as well as the candy canes. Sound system has been ordered. The annual memo was sent to the Police Dept., DPW and Ambulance Corps to remind them of the event and what needs to be done.

Flyers are going out in the schools. A flyer will also be left for the Commissioners. Members should meet at about 5:00 p.m. in front of the municipal building. Mercedes Haines will coordinate with Santa.

Rag-A-Muffin — The parade took place on Saturday, October 31, 2015. Everything went quite well this year. The weather was very good and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. There were about 320 participants. Entries were as follows:

Division 1 – 46	Division 5 – 20
Division 2 – 35	Division 6 – 8
Division 3 – 48	Division 7 – 30
Division 4 – 43	

The addition of the DJ and two food carts (cotton candy and popcorn) was well received from everyone. This year the DJ played from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Next year the DJ will play for 3 hours from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. The Board used about 300 small waters for the parade. There were also 200 glow lights and stickers for the participants. All 500 candy bags were used at the parade. Two community service students showed up to help at the parade. They were a great help and willing to do anything needed. Two other students helped with the judging.

Next year the Board will provide pencils to fill out the registration since there were problems with the pens being cold and not working well. The Board discussed a possible pet division as requested by some people but had concerns about people who might bring an unfriendly pet to the contest. Dogs that are part of an entry are welcome.

There was also a discussion about adult entries in the parade. It was suggested that it be made clear that prizes be awarded to only children up to 8th grade for instance. Family entries are welcomed in the group/float category. Parents are always encouraged to participate with their children.

The Board will also discuss possibly adding a house decorating contest next year as there were several calls asking about such a contest.

Adult Trips/Activities – The Board is looking into sponsoring a quilting class but has not heard back from the instructor yet.

Ping Pong – The first session has started. There will two more sessions. Session 1 will run from September 28 – December 5; Session 2 will run from December 7 – February 12; Session 3 will run from February 15 – April 22. Classes will be held at the Civic Center. The program is open to children grades 1 and up as well as adults. The fee is the same for children and adults. At the request of the Girl Scout leader, Sue will be holding a trial session for the troop to see if the girls like it. She also will be contacting Robert Kilmurray to see if he might be interested in setting something up with the after school program.

She has an inter-school tournament scheduled for December 2 starting at 4:30 p.m. There will be two groups – grades 1-3 and 4-6. The Board will provide the trophies for the event and Sue Chak will provide drinks. All participants will receive a small token.

Basketball – Basketball evaluations went well. Hal Bomzer would like to thank everyone who helped and made it go smoothly. We had to convince a number of people to coach in 3/4 boys and 5/6 boys due to high number of teams and not enough coaches to fill them. Right now we are good.

The number of teams stayed the same from last year except 3/4 boys added one.

3/4B 7

5/6B 8

7/8B 6

3/4/5G 5

6/7/8G 4

Clinic 34 players (only 5 girls)

Equipment was distributed last week and practices started on 11/14. The new division heads are doing fine with shirts, following scheduling, and communication. All divisions have placed their preliminary shirt orders and player numbers are due by Monday.

Hal sent the proposed gym schedule to the principals today for approval. Having TJ gym this year on Fridays helps. We only have from 6-8 pm so we can't play a double header. Hal is using it for 5/6 boys practices so they get a chance to practice in a big gym for half their sessions instead of always being in Roosevelt or Grant.

Season starts weekend of 12/4, except for 3/4 boys who start the week after due to gym availability.

Scorer/timer meeting is 12/2 @ 7pm (Lincoln gym) and mandatory coach/ref meeting follows at 7:30. Certification class is 12/15. Books for class need to be ordered by December 7.

David Urbay indicated that we probably will not be participating in Hackensack's program this year. Last year was not what it was in the past.

There was a problem with one of the backboards and scoreboards. The Board advised the school to have it fixed and billed to the Board.

Tennis – Barry Ruback (568-3946) runs this program, which is taught by All Pro Tennis Staff. He held lessons until the courts were no longer lit.

Adult Fitness Camp – Rodney Craft is looking into an adult fitness class at the request of some parents of children that participated in the summer fitness camp. He will contact ETS so they can look at the space to see if it will accommodate their plans before any decision is made. He thinks that the class would probably start in approximately January. The cost will probably be 10 sessions for \$100. It will be a cross-fit class. There needs to be a minimum of 5 people to hold a class. The Board receives a discount for this activity by providing the facility. Rodney has not heard back from ETS yet.

T2S Basketball - Larry Umana and Nathan Lopez are running a basketball specific performance enhancement training program to students in grades 4-12 sponsored by the Board. T2S Basketball Academy is having ongoing registration. For further information, interested people can email t2sbasketballacademy@gmail.com, or on Facebook: @t2sbasketballacademy. Since his Facebook page post stated that rec league coaches lack skill and knowledge and therefore are short changing the players, we may suggest he offer our coaches a free coaches' training seminar.

Treasurer's Report - Beginning balance as of November, 2015 was \$30,104.04, total deposits for month were \$5,170.00, total expenses for month were \$2,392.72 (total with pending expenses \$30,531.32), leaving a balance of \$32,881.32. A detailed report is in the file. A motion was made by Scott Garris and seconded by David Urbay approving the Treasurer's Report. All were in favor of the motion.

New Business – Meeting dates were set for 2016 as follows:

JANUARY 21	SEPTEMBER 15
FEBRUARY 18	OCTOBER 20
MARCH 17	NOVEMBER 17
APRIL 21	DECEMBER 15 (IF NECESSARY)
MAY 19	
JUNE 16	

Old Business – The Executive Board and Hal Bomzer attended the Caucus Meeting on Thursday, October 22, 2015, to discuss background checks. The Commissioners were fine with the Board conducting background checks and asked the Board to do research on how it might be done and get back to them. The Board will now look into the procedures for a background check from several different places.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2016.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Jimmy Coloma and seconded by Scott Garris to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

cc: Commissioner Adam MacNeill

Barbara DeLuca