

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2015, at 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
SEPTEMBER 17, 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, Hal Bomzer, Jimmy Coloma, Lloyd Domke, Mercedes Haines, Kaitlyn Maglione, Mike Ruiz and Tom Strowbridge. Scott Garris, Mary Koegel and David Urbay were excused. Also present was Rodney Craft, Uly Encarnacion and Sal Arrigo.

The minutes of the June 18, 2015, meeting were approved by a motion made by Kaitlyn Maglione and seconded by Mercedes Haines. All were in favor of this motion.

Correspondence: thank you card from the Essig family for the expression of sympathy, permit for use of tennis court

Hearing of Citizens: None present.

Activity reports were as follows:

Bowling – Nothing to report.

Wrestling – Uly Encarnacion introduced Sal Arrigo to the Board. Uly has moved up to varsity so Sal will be taking over the wrestling program. Uly has worked with Sal for several years and will help him transition to running this program. Sal has all the necessary information to run the program. Registration will be October 22 and 29. Uly said he doesn't need a Board member present.

Uly will be meeting with Coach Murri to try to hand out a tentative practice schedule. The league scheduling meeting will be in December. They will not find out that schedule until then.

Diane Maglione made it clear to Uly and Sal that the Board cannot fundraise. While it is great that there are enthusiastic parents, they must understand that if they are doing any fundraising, the Board of Recreation cannot be involved, not even mentioned.

Uly said he has the new uniforms. As far as matches, he will try to request two dates. He doesn't know if he will get them. If there are three teams, he will need two refs, four teams – three refs. He will not know until after they make up the schedule.

If the high school hosts a meet on a Sunday, then the surplus fund would be needed because then the Board would need to pay for the janitors to come in on a Sunday.

Girls' Softball – No activity at this time.

Women's Softball – The season has ended. All funds have been paid. Peggy Schneider ran a very organized season and ran it quite well. She followed all rules and moved things along so the season could end on time. The party is scheduled for September 18. Funds have been given to Bella Wagner, who is running the party. The trophies will be distributed at the party. Things went very well this season despite the weather and not having the softball field available for most of the season.

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 wants to discuss if holding the egg hunt in the same location would be a good idea. It must take

into consideration that sometimes this location gets damp and muddy due to the time of year. 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 – No activity at this time. The prizes have been ordered. Some members thought it might be a fun activity if the Board members were permitted to use one of the small town buses and rode around with the judges. Further discussion will be held at the next meeting. The contest will take place on December 18.

Wish Tree – No activity at this time. Kaitlyn Maglione will talk to the new Welfare director closer to the due date. Gifts will be dropped off at TD Bank and need to be returned by December 15.

Tree Lighting – Currently there is no tree but Commissioner Anlian said a new tree will be planted in time for the tree lighting. Mercedes Haines has spoken to Lincoln School about performing. She has the soloist already. 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-Ingewerson 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 will be sent to the Police Dept., DPW and Ambulance Corps to remind them of the event and what needs to be done.

Rag-A-Muffin — A DJ and two food carts (cotton candy and popcorn) have been ordered for 2 hours from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. They will also provide the attendant for the food cart. The Board will pick up small waters for the parade. There are also glow lights and stickers for the participants. The candy will be ready for the parade. Trophies are in and Scott Garris will check them to make sure they're ready for the parade. Since the parade falls on Halloween this year, a few extra trophies have been added since the Board is expecting a larger crowd than normal. The DPW will be asked if there is an outlet in the park that the DJ can use. Judges are being lined up now. Memos will be sent to the DPW and Police requesting their usual assistance. A note will be placed on the table that the glow sticks will not be distributed to children under three. Parents must get the glow sticks for the children to avoid any possible hazards in young children. A notice was sent to the high school requesting community service students.

Adult Trips/Activities – Unfortunately, due to Tom Essig's illness, the fishing trip could not be planned. Maybe next year the Board can try to plan a fishing trip. The Board of Recreation did sponsor a crocheting class taught by Llama, Llama, Ewe beginning on July 9, 2015. The class ran for 4 weeks (July 9, 16, 23 & 30) and was held at the store. Participants seemed very pleased with the class. The Board is looking into sponsoring a quilting class.

Ping Pong – Registration for ping pong is scheduled for September 18 and 19. Sue Chak is also setting up a table at the street fair. Registration is \$80 per person; \$75 for additional child and per session. There will be three 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.

It will be suggested to Sue that the next form should state that the fee is per session and that participants don't have to sign up for all three sessions. She should also make it clear that the fee is the same for children and adults on the form.

Basketball – Early bird registration took in 110 registrations. Registration will be held in the DARE Room on September 25 and 26. Board members will be needed for assistance at the registration. So far, volunteers are:

Friday, Sept. 25 6-8PM – Hal Bomzer, Mike Ruiz

Saturday, Sept. 26 10AM – 12PM – Mercedes Haines, Kaitlyn Maglione

The Board will send a sign to Mike Alberque and ask him if he could hang it on the door for people who don't notice the registration is not at Roosevelt School this year. The Board will also send a request to use Thomas Jefferson on Friday nights since it was available last year.

Diane Maglione has not heard back from Matt McArrow regarding the background checks. A letter will be sent to the Mayor and Board of Commissioners asking if they have determined how background checks will be done since basketball will be starting very soon.

Tennis – Barry Ruback (568-3946) runs this program, which is taught by All Pro Tennis Staff. He had requests from parents to continue lessons into the fall. The Board has a permit to use court #4 from September 19 – November 7 from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Barry also advised that if space were available he could do indoor lessons with the younger kids with special inside balls. Supt. Eric Koenig advised that he could speak with Mr. Perrapato, Principal of Thomas Jefferson, to work out some time to use that school.

Summer Fitness Camp – Rodney Craft said the camp went very well. There were a few minor injuries. Some parents requested that a similar program be held for adults. ETI Fitness sent a proposal for an adult program. The Board will check with the DPW to see if there is any time available at the civic center. If there is, ETI Fitness will need to check to see if it meets their needs to run an adult program. Equipment is stored in the storage container. The Board did advise the Village Safety Officer at the September 1 safety meeting that the container leaks and is in need of repair.

T2S Basketball - Larry Umana and Nathan Lopez are running a basketball specific performance enhancement training program to students in grades 4-12. T2S Basketball Academy is having ongoing registration. For further information, interested people can email t2sbasketballacademy@gmail.com, or on Facebook: @t2sbasketballacademy. Larry is having a one day trial clinic with fun events for ages 4-12 grades at Veteran's Park on October 10 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. There is no cost to participate. Participants just need a signed permission slip. He has a permit to use Veteran's Park basketball courts. The Board is attempting to gain gym time to continue this program in the fall until the start of the basketball season.

Treasurer's Report - Due to the unfortunate passing of Tom Essig, a detailed report is not available this month. Beginning balance as of August, 2015 was \$25,847.29, total deposits for month were \$2,940.00, total expenses for month were \$4,204.00, leaving a balance of \$27,002.01. A detailed report is in the file.

Hal Bomzer suggested that the new treasurer might want to try using the Quicken program. He uses it and it works well for the soccer organization.

New Business – Due to the unfortunate passing of Tom Essig, there is a vacancy on the Board of Recreation. Hal Bomzer recommended that Rodney Craft fill this vacancy. All were in favor of this recommendation. Commissioner MacNeill will be advised that the Board recommends Rodney Craft fill this vacancy.

Elections need to take place at this meeting.

A motion was made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Mercedes Haines nominating Diane Maglione as President. All were in favor of this motion.

A motion was made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Mercedes Haines nominating Lloyd Domke as Vice Present. All were in favor of this motion.

A motion was made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Jimmy Coloma nominating Kaitlyn Maglione as Treasurer. All were in favor of this motion.

Kaitlyn will need to go to the bank to change the account name and authorized signatures. After a discussion, it was decided that authorized signatures will be: Kaitlyn Maglione, Barbara DeLuca, Lloyd Domke and Eduardo Coloma. Two signatures are needed on a check. Kaitlyn needs to bring a copy of the minutes electing her Treasurer to the bank in order to make any changes. She will get signature cards for the other members.

Old Business – The Board will contact the Mayor and Board of Commissioners to find out if they have put a procedure in place for background checks. The basketball program will be starting in a short time and procedures need to be in place for the safety of the children involved.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2015.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Tom Strowbridge and seconded by Jimmy Coloma to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Adam MacNeill