

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015, at 7:00 P.M.

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

President Diane Maglione called the meeting to order at 7:15 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, Tom Essig, Mercedes Haines, Kaitlyn Maglione and Tom Strowbridge. Mary Koegel, Scott Garris and David Urbay were excused. Mike Ruiz was absent.

The minutes of the February 19, 2015, meeting were approved by a motion made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Mercedes Haines. All were in favor of this motion.

Correspondence: letter from Rutgers Youth Sports Research Council enclosing roster of clinic held on December 4, 2014; emails from Nets ticket sales; minutes from March 3, 2015, safety meeting; permit for use of Veteran's Park for Easter Egg Hunt.

Hearing of Citizens: None present.

Activity reports were as follows:

Bowling – Nothing to report.

Wrestling – Funds were encumbered under PO #13324. Uly Encarnacion was present to give his end-of-season report. A detailed season recap is in the file. Uly said the season went well. The parents bought pullover jackets as gifts for the wrestlers.

Uly is still looking for a possible summer program for the registered wrestlers. He will talk about this with Coach Murri later in the year. The closed practices have worked out well. The program had the most coaches this year. He would like to have kindergarten parents available at practices as an extra set of hands because the kids are so young and extra supervision is necessary at this age.

Next year they will try to have two early bird registrations where the fee would be \$45 and anyone who registers in November or later will have to pay a registration fee of \$60.00. The earliest they are permitted to start is the Monday before Thanksgiving. Uly appreciates the cooperation he receives with the wrestling program. People are starting to notice the improvement of wrestling in RP. He will be placing an order for singlets this year. Discussions about a new mat are ongoing.

As far as the season went, there were some tournaments where everyone that went received a medal. There were some wrestlers that placed in other tournaments. The registration fees covered some of the tournaments and parents (who were notified in advance) paid for fees for other tournaments. They participated in tournaments such as the Skip Bailey Tournament at Saddle Brook High School in January; a tournament at North Bergen in February as well as the Novice Tournament in Fort Lee and a district tournament in Elmwood Park. Specific details on all tournaments are in the recap for the season.

At the 2014 Golden Griffin Novice Tournament all wrestlers received a medal and four wrestlers received a champion medal and one received a second place medal. At the 2015 North Bergen Tournament, 17 wrestlers placed. Four wrestlers placed in the 14-15 Novice Tournament. There were 15 participants in the District 2 matches. Eleven of those wrestlers placed in the matches. Six wrestlers were eligible to participate in the Regional Tournament and two medaled.

At the end of the season the parents held a trophy ceremony and celebration dinner.

Girls' Softball – Lloyd Domke said that Ridgefield (which has their own league) is willing to allow Ridgefield Park girls to participate in their softball league if they are interested.

Mook Iannacone, the high school coach, wants to know how he could get involved. He does not want to see this go. It really helps the high school team. He was wondering if possibly they could assist in running a clinic over the summer. Lloyd advised him that the 7&8 team could participate in a U-Gals league during the summer.

Women's Softball – Packets are due by March 19, 2015. So far the Board has received only 3 packets. Peggy Schneider is running the league with few problems. There probably will not be a need for a pre-season meeting so none is scheduled at this time.

The annual pre-season scrimmage games will be on two different Sundays this year - April 12 in mid-afternoon and April 19 at 5:00 pm. Peggy will email all the team reps with further details about scrimmages/practice games after all packets are in so we are sure who the team reps are for 2015. Peggy plans to start the official games on Monday, April 20 and continue forward from there. All RP league games are played from Monday thru Friday evenings and on select Sunday afternoons and evenings throughout the season. There are a couple of new revisions included in the RP rules for 2015 (arc of pitch, etc.)

Fourth of July – One nomination for grand marshal was received so far, Gerard Garofalow.

Easter Egg Hunt – The hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 4, 2015. Funds were encumbered under PO #14138. Mr. Taibi has not scheduled any games until 11:00 a.m. Mary Koegel said that larger plastic eggs were about three times the cost than the eggs currently used. She will be adding more eggs to the younger divisions so everyone has plenty of eggs. She will be adding prize eggs to the older divisions. There will still be a rule of one prize egg per child. A note was emailed to the Guidance Dept. asking for students wishing to get community service hours. An email will also be sent to the scouts since they have offered their services in the past. Flyers were distributed in the schools.

Mary will work on managing the photos with the Easter Bunny so it does not tie up the field. She is looking into getting a backdrop and putting it behind the bunny by the wall so no one can get in back and ruin pictures (which was a problem last year). Mary is thinking of inviting Mrs. Bunny to the event.

A letter was sent to John Tymon, President, to advise that the Ambulance Corps. members will be needed to assist with supervision in each division. Rick Lutz will come down at 9:00 a.m. with the signs, etc. Members should meet at 8:00 a.m.

Holiday Display Contest – No activity at this time.

Wish Tree – No activity at this time.

Tree Lighting – No activity at this time. It was suggested that a table be set up to accept the ballots for the bicycle raffle. The Board will look into possibly offering hot chocolate as well as Slurpees at the event. It is Grant School's turn to sing at the tree lighting.

Rag-A-Muffin – No activity at this time. The Board is looking into getting a DJ for the event and possibly offering a snack and/or glow sticks.

Adult Trips/Activities – No activities at this time but Tom Essig is looking into a possible fishing trip in the summer.

Adult Craft Classes – No activities at this time.

Basketball – The season went fairly well with only a few small incidents. There were a few issues that needed to be addressed. One of the issues is some of the newer coaches are not as familiar with the proper rotation procedures used and how to address it if they think another coach is not using the proper

rotation. Next year it will be stressed that issues such as this must be addressed with the official, not the other coach and the official should handle these matters.

There was one issue where a player damaged a towel holder at Lincoln School. The Board later learned that the school found out who the player was and he was suspended from school. Since the Board holds the permit, the Board offered to pay for the damage. The parents will be contacted and asked to reimburse the Board for the damages.

David Urbay sent his report that the travel team is going well and playoffs begin this weekend.

Funds for the second half of the season were encumbered and books are starting to come in. The new CFO requires that SSN be turned in before a check is issued and if the Village is not in possession of the SSN or required W-9 form, no check will be issued. Next year this requirement will be stressed at the pre-season meeting.

The traveling team seems to be going smoothly since David Urbay spoke to them about using overaged players.

Diane Maglione has not heard back from Matt McArow regarding the background checks.

Tennis – Barry Ruback (568-3946) runs this program, which is taught by All Pro Tennis Staff. No activity at this time.

Summer Fitness Camp – This activity will be run by Rodney Craft. Rodney Craft brought a written overview of the fitness camp he would like to run with the Board in the summer. He would like to run three weekly sessions and they would be held three evenings a week. The tentative start date would be July 13, 2015, followed by two more sessions beginning each week thereafter and concluding on July 30, 2015. The camp would be held on the northern end of the turf field at Veteran's Park. Soccer currently has the permit for this field but said they would work things out for the camp.

The camp would be open to all children in RP from grades 2-8. Cost of the camp would be contingent upon costs to include such things as t-shirt, water, etc. Equipment would be purchased by the Board. The equipment needed would be: agility ladders, cones, jump ropes, speed hurdles, plyometric boxes, speed parachutes, speed resistors and training ropes. He was thinking of charging \$20 per camper for the first week, with an additional \$5 for each additional week the camper wanted to participate in. The price is subject to change once all fees are determined.

Since this program is run by volunteers, the Board will provide the equipment to be used. It will be stored in the Board storage containers. An email will be sent to the DPW to advise that although soccer holds the permit for the field, they have agreed to cooperate with this activity.

T2S Basketball - Larry Umana and Nathan Lopez will be running a basketball specific performance enhancement training program to students grades 5-12. Flyers were distributed in the schools. Since the instructors for this program will be compensated, they will provide their own equipment. Registration is scheduled for March 20 and 24. Information for this program can be found at T2SBasketballacademy@gmail.com.

Treasurer's Report - Beginning balance as of February 2015 was \$30,316, total deposits for month were \$0.00, total expenses for month were \$2,828.25 leaving a balance of \$27,533.46. A detailed report is in the file.

A motion was made by Kaitlyn Maglione and seconded by Jimmy Coloma to approve the treasurer's report. All were in favor of this motion.

New Business – none at this time.

Old Business – Background checks – Diane Maglione will be meeting with Commissioner MacNeill to discuss background checks and the procedure that Hackensack uses.

Safety Meeting – The Safety Meeting was held on March 3, 2015. The Board of Recreation suggested that the Village install protective fencing for Field #4 and the Little League field to protect children playing in the park from swinging bats or being hit by a ball. The Board feels this is a dangerous condition at Veteran's Park that needs to be rectified. The DPW and a representative of the insurance company were going to go down to the field to check out the situation.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2015.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Lloyd Domke and seconded by Tom Strowbridge to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Adam MacNeill