

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2015, at 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
FEBRUARY 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, Hal Bomzer, Lloyd Domke, Scott Garris, Mercedes Haines, Mary Koegel and Kaitlyn Maglione. Jimmy Coloma, Tom Essig, Mike Ruiz, Tom Strowbridge and David Urbay were excused.

The minutes of the January 15, 2015, meeting were approved by a motion made by Kaitlyn Maglione and seconded by Lloyd Domke. All were in favor of this motion.

Correspondence: letter from July 4th committee regarding grand marshal nominations

Hearing of Citizens: Rodney Craft was present to discuss a proposed fitness camp he would like to run in the summer. Larry Umana and Nathan Lopez were present to discuss a basketball clinic they would like to run with the Board.

Activity reports were as follows:

Bowling – Nothing to report.

Wrestling – The Board has heard of no problems in the program so far, which is nearing the end of the season. The mat needs to be replaced. There was a meet on February 7, 2015, that the EMTs did not show up at. They were present for the January meet. Diane will speak to the Ambulance Corps. The Board has no problem with Uly Encarnacion purchasing 30 singlets this year. Funds were encumbered under PO #13324.

Girls' Softball – Funds for the season were encumbered under PO #14139. Registration forms were dropped off to all the schools. Registration will be done by mail this year and will close on March 8, 2015. Lloyd Domke said he attended a meeting with District 6 and learned that the RP Baseball Association decided on having a girls softball team this year. Because of that, the Board cannot combine with Little Ferry now.

RP would benefit from going with Little Ferry. RP would have been able to register its own softball team but now cannot combine with Little Ferry since the Baseball Organization has a team.

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.

Women's Softball – The packets were sent out to give the teams plenty of time to gather the registrations. Since there was no party last season, the money will be used toward the field permit fee. At the suggestion of the program liaison, there were some changes made to the rules. Since there were no questions last year, there probably will not be a need for a pre-season meeting. Packets are due by March 19, 2015.

Fourth of July – Letter requesting grand marshal nominations was received.

Easter Egg Hunt – The hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 4, 2015. Funds were encumbered under PO #14138. Mr. Taibi was sent an email to remind him of the hunt so no games are scheduled at that time.

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.

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.

Diane will speak to John Tymon to advise that the Ambulance Corps. members will be needed to assist with supervision in each division.

Holiday Display Contest – No activity at this time. Mary Koegel said that registered homes need to make sure their address is visible so judges know they are looking at the correct house.

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.

Rag-A-Muffin — No activity at this time.

Adult Trips/Activities – No activities at this time.

Adult Craft Classes – No activities at this time.

Basketball – The season has been going smoothly so far other than a bit of a lack of proper sportsmanship in the boys 3/4 division. Hal Bomzer advised this division that if better sportsmanship was not demonstrated, there would be no playoffs. The playoff schedules have been finalized and distributed.

Mike Alberque informed the Board that basketballs seem to be missing from the cage in the gym. There was also a concern that the desk used by the scorekeeper was not put back and the rims not raised up at the end of the day. Scott Garriss said he puts the desk away every Saturday as well as returns the rim to the higher height. Hal will talk to the coaches that use the gym for practice to make sure they raise the rim at the end of the night.

Funds for the first half of the season were encumbered under PO #13323. Checks for the first-half of the season are scheduled to go out on February 19. The CFO advised that if social security numbers and W-9 forms are not received from the individuals receiving checks, no check will be issued. An email was sent out advising everyone of this new requirement. Division leaders will be reminded that first and last names need to be used in the books. Funds for the second half of the season were encumbered under PO #14140.

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.

Treasurer's Report - Beginning balance as of January 2015 was \$32,095.79, total deposits for month were \$90.00, total expenses for month were \$1,824.08 leaving a balance of \$30,361.71. A detailed report is in the file.

A motion was made by Lloyd Domke and seconded by Scott Garriss to approve the treasurer's report. All were in favor of this motion.

New Business – 1) 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.

Each volunteer coach would be Rutgers certified and has taken the concussion training as mandated by town insurance requirements. The ideal ratios would be 5:1. There are currently seven coaches committed to the program. He will provide a full roster of coaches and volunteers when ready.

Rodney provided a brief description of the activities for each session. There will be 5 stations that each participant will run through. Water breaks are provided between rotations and as needed based on weather conditions. A first aid kit and ice packs will be maintained on the field at all times. Campers are dismissed only to a parent or guardian at the conclusion of each session.

The Board suggested that there is someone CPR certified present at the camp. The Board will contact the Ambulance Corps to request that they provide someone properly trained in CPR at the camp sessions.

A motion was made by Scott Garris and seconded by Hal Bomzer, that the Board sponsor a fitness camp to be run by Rodney Craft and volunteers to be named; a nominal fee will be charged to cover a shirt, water bottle, etc.; the final cost of the camp to be determined after expenses are decided upon; all coaches are volunteers; the Board of Recreation will cover the cost of the needed equipment; the Board container will be used to store the equipment; the Ambulance Corps will be asked to provide someone certified in CPR at each session. All were in favor of this motion. Rodney Craft will send in a proposed budget for the equipment. The Board can assist with a flyer when he is ready.

2) Larry Umana and Nathan Lopez were present to ask the Board to sponsor a basketball specific performance enhancement training program to students grades 5-12. He brought a written overview of the program he would like to run with the Board. He is looking for those interested in serious, elite training in basketball skills.

His mission is developing and providing a training program for the athletes to learn and excel in the fundamentals of basketball to the highest level. All he would require of the Board is the use of a basketball facility. His goal is to provide a home-based training program that will serve the parents of RP. They specialize in the basic skills needed to help players reach their peak performance on the basketball court. They would provide 1-on-1 and/or group sessions to athletes determined to improve their basketball skills.

The fees will be determined once final details are worked out. Checks would be made payable to the Board of Recreation and the Board would then pay instructors to work the clinic.

He is looking to run the program three days a week for 3 hours each night (depending on amount of athletes). The Board will send a use of facilities request to the schools to see what is available. The Board can assist with a flyer when he is ready.

A motion was made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Scott Garris to look into the Board sponsoring a basketball-specific performance enhancement training program for students grades 5-8, to be run by

Larry Umana and Nathan Lopez. All were in favor of this motion.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2015.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Kaitlyn Maglione and seconded by Mary Koegel to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Adam MacNeill