

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.**

**BOARD OF RECREATION  
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY  
April 21, 2016**

Vice-President Lloyd Domke 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 31st<sup>th</sup> day of December 2015. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Lloyd Domke and Scott Garris. Diane Maglione, Kaitlyn Maglione, Hal Bomzer, Jimmy Coloma, Rodney Craft, Mercedes Haines, Mike Ruiz, Tom Strowbridge and David Urbay were excused.

The minutes of the February 18 and March 17, 2016, meetings could not be approved as there was no quorum.

**Correspondence:** 1) 2016 financial disclosure forms due April 30, 2016; 2) memo regarding Motor Vehicle Checks from Francie Orovitz (Clerk's Office will check to see if the Board of Recreation volunteers need to submit their information; 3) memo from GJEM that Bouncy Houses and Amusement Equipment require special insurance; 4) copy of Keys to Successful Cyber Hygiene from JIF

**Hearing of Citizens:** None present.

Activity reports were as follows: As there was not a quorum, regular business was not conducted. Uly Encarnacion was present to give his report on wrestling.

**Bowling –** Nothing to report.

**Wrestling –** Uly Encarnacion gave his end-of-year report. The program participated in tournaments in Saddle Brook and No. Bergen as well as a tournament in Fort Lee for first and second year wrestlers. They also participated in a district tournament in Elmwood Park High School and a regional tournament in Hackensack. Fourteen eligible wrestlers took part out of 34 in the program. They finished the year with 34 wrestlers. Out of the 14 that took part, they had 11 kids place third, second and two champs.

He has a list of all coaches and has kept track of who needs to redo the concussion course next year. As discussed previously last month, there have been two separate incidents that occurred in the program that forced the Board to step in to correct. Uly Encarnacion is now running the program again. Due to these circumstances, Uly had to remove two coaches mid-season. Hopefully, background checks will be in place before the season starts next year to help alleviate some of the problems that occurred.

Uly said next year the registration fee will be kept at \$45. They will be adding a buffer by running a concession stand and including a concession stand fee in the registration fee. If a parents works the concession stand, that fee will be returned to them. It will be the parents' choice of whether they want to pay the fee or work the concession stand.

**Girls' Softball –** Registration forms were distributed in the schools; however, there were only 2 registrations received. The two registrations were returned.

**Women's Softball –** Packets went out to all teams. Completed registration packets were due March 31, 2016. Registration forms and fees were sent to the BCASU. There will be 6 teams this year.

**Fourth of July –** Nominations for Grand Marshal are: Al Brintz, Gerard Garofalow and Rose Shulein. Voting will take place at the May meeting of the Fourth of July citizens committee.

**Easter Egg Hunt –** The egg hunt went well. It will be discussed further at the next meeting.

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

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

**Tree Lighting** – No action at this time.

**Rag-A-Muffin** — No activity at this time. The Board will discuss possibly adding a house decorating contest next year as there were several calls asking about such a contest.

**Adult Trips/Activities** – No activity at this time.

**Ping Pong** – Session III had started but due to a maintenance issue in the room used for the program, the program was forced to end until further notice. Refunds will be issued if the room ends up being unavailable. Sue Chak would like to continue in the summer but so far has not been able to locate any place to run the program.

**Basketball** – Hal Bomzer was unable to attend tonight's meeting but sent the following report: As far as basketball, the season ended, all payments went out.

The issue he wanted to discuss was the need to increase the registration fee. The Board needs to cover the additional expense of having to pay for the scorers and timers, which was not done in the past. The Board has been using surplus, but that will not last for an undetermined amount of time if it is continually used. The program needs to be self-sufficient as much as possible.

Based on the info from the Treasurer, this program is \$3842.99 in the hole with normal operating expenses. If that figure is divided by approximately 320 players, it comes out to \$12.00 per player. With the repairs necessary this year, the program ended up \$5,882.24 in the hole, which comes out to \$18.70 deficit per player. Hal proposes a \$15.00 increase which would cover the scorers and timers' payments and still give the program about \$900-\$950 surplus for maintenance, repairs, and other unforeseen expenses. Currently registration is \$40 for regular registration in September and \$35 for early bird registration.

Board members can voice their opinions in an email so that a formal vote can take place at the May meeting. This information will be necessary in order to distribute early bird forms to the first grade students before the school year ends.

**Tennis** – Barry Ruback (568-3946) runs this program, which is taught by All Pro Tennis Staff. Registration is scheduled for Thursday, May 12, 2016, from 7-8 p.m. at Fellowship Park. Lessons will take place on Fridays. Session 1 will run May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 17 and Session 2 will run July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. Lessons are for ages 6 - adults. Fee is \$75.00 per session. The permit is in from the DPW and the Board has use of two courts, Courts # 3 & 4. The high school has preference on May 20 and 27 until 6:00 p.m. on Courts #1, 2 and 3.

**Adult Fitness Camp** – Rodney Craft spoke with ETS about a fitness program for adults but has not heard anything new from them.

**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](mailto:t2sbasketballacademy@gmail.com), or on Facebook: @t2sbasketballacademy. Larry is running some sessions two days a week.

**Treasurer's Report** - Beginning balance as of March, 2016 was \$20,446.74, total deposits for month were \$147.00 total expenses for month were \$6,077.89, leaving a balance of \$14,515.85. A detailed report is in the file. There was one returned check from the wrestling program. A letter was sent requesting a new check in the amount of \$57.00, but no response was received.

**New Business** – None at this time.

**Old Business** – The Board needs to work out the details on conducting the background checks with Commissioner MacNeill. The Board participated in a webinar on February 10 on background checks conducted by Verified Volunteers. The shortened version of what their services would include is:

- Primary source – current county, state, local, arrest records, sheriff's office
- Nationwide (all addresses will be found)
- Du Sjodin (NSOPW) – sex offender gold standard
- Advanced authentication
- References
- Credit checks
- MVR's – driving records

Verified Volunteers feels that fingerprinting is no longer the gold standard of vetting. Databases are not required to be updated and many are not updating on a regular basis. They feel they get more information by layering various methods of obtaining criminal records. The cost of \$40.00 includes a monthly update on each volunteer for one year. Background checks must be FCRA compliant so permission to conduct a background check is only good for one year. It takes about 1-2 days to get information back from a search.

Verified Volunteers will advise that the background search is "clear" meaning the volunteer is eligible or advise that the volunteer is ineligible meaning the organization then decides if it is comfortable allowing the volunteer to work with the children. The volunteer must be advised of what information is gathered and then has the option to either contact Verified Volunteers to get things corrected. The organization will be advised the information has been corrected or the organization can decide they are not comfortable allowing the person to work with the children.

The volunteer would log in online and complete a three minute process to allow the Board to conduct a background check. These checks can also be shared with other organizations if permission is given by the volunteer.

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Respectfully submitted,

cc: Commissioner Adam MacNeill

Barbara DeLuca