

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2008, at 7:00 P.M.

NOTE: MARCH MEETING MOVED TO MARCH 13, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
January 17, 2008**

President Diane Maglione called the meeting to order at 8:00 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 on the 21st day of December, 2007, and sent to the Star-Ledger on the 21st day of December, 2007. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Diane Maglione, Gil Bell, Hal Bomzer, Carlos Carames, Rich DePena, Lloyd Domke, Tom Essig, Mercedes Haines, Mary Koegel, Leigh Rivera and Frank Zaccherio.

A motion was made by Gil Bell and seconded by Hal Bomzer approving the minutes of the November 15, 2007, meeting.

Correspondence: Letter from Mayor regarding tree lighting

Hearing of Citizens: None present.

Activity reports were as follows:

Bowling – Nothing to report.

Wrestling - Registrations and fees were given to Tom Essig. The program is much smaller this year. Diane Maglione will make arrangements for EMT's for the home tournaments. They will be paid \$13.00 hr.

T-Ball – Registration will take place on February 7 7:00-9:00 pm at Lincoln School and on February 8 from 10:00 a.m. – noon at Roosevelt School. The fee will be \$25.00

Girls' Softball - Registration will take place on February 7 7:00-9:00 pm at Lincoln School and on February 8 from 10:00 a.m. – noon at Roosevelt School. The fee will be \$40.00. Lloyd Domke was going to get a permit so that he could begin practicing with the girls and also allow high school girls to practice at the same time. Lloyd was informed that only girls registered with the Board of Recreation program could use the gym for liability purposes.

Lloyd will work on setting up games with some new contacts since some teams last year cancelled many games for no reason. Many players want to play summer ball this year and Lloyd will be looking into that. The program might

expand this year and Lloyd may need to add two more teams. If that is the case, he will need additional funds for the program.

Summer Sandlot Baseball Program – No activity at this time. The Baseball Association will meet next month to decide what to do with Babe Ruth.

Women's Softball – Packets were emailed to all team managers on January 3, 2008, with instructions that only complete packets would be accepted and must be returned by March 1, 2008, to the Clerk's Office or either Tom or Barbara.

Fourth of July – No activity at this time.

Easter Egg Hunt – No activity at this time.

Holiday Display Contest – There were 29 residential entries and only two business entries. There were 3 grand prizes for residential and two for businesses as well as 12 runner-up prizes for residential. The runner-up prize was a personalized ornament, which winners were pleased with. There was a slight problem as there were two letters inadvertently distributed to homes and there were only 12 prizes. Prizes were distributed at the January 8 Commissioner's meeting and those not picked up were delivered to the winners. The list of winners is attached.

Wish Tree – Kallie and Kaitlyn Maglione handled the wish tree.

Tree Lighting – The tree lighting took place on December 2, 2007. Everything seemed to work well.

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

Adult Trips/Activities – Frank Zaccherio is looking into getting tickets for a Nets game, Harlem Globetrotters and the circus.

Ballroom Dancing – A third session is tentatively scheduled for start January 27, 2008, if there is enough interest.

Basketball – Season is about halfway through and all is going well except for a few incidents--two of which were not really even REC issues.

7/8 Boys: All going well. Fans, players, coaches all great.

5/6 Boys: All OK as well.

3/4 Boys: Most competitive division. Most games close. Only incident was near altercation between two players after a game, which stemmed from a problem between them in school during the week. Conduct rules were reinforced to all teams before their next games to avoid any other problems.

3/4/5 Girls: All Ok. There was one injury and a report was filled out. There was also a mix-up tonight by a coach and his team and a game was cancelled.

6/7/8 Girls: Basically is OK, but two incidents were here. 1). Items stolen from refs and school during a game by a person outside the program. Police are on this. 2). One assistant coach, Nick Searles, got on a ref, Bob Sinclair, after the game. He has apologized to the ref and all board members involved in that division.

Members were reminded that the Board holds the permit for the gym. If a player or fan needs to be removed from the gym, they should receive a letter by certified mail/return receipt requested that they are not permitted in the gym. The police should be called and advised that this person is not welcomed in the gym. The Board must be very strict that no one is allowed on the stage.

The clinic is running well. Rich DePena has been helping Mercedes Haines with the program. It is quite large this year but everything is going well.

The backboard at Roosevelt School needs some maintenance. Lloyd Domke said he would handle it. A motion was made by Rich DePena and seconded by Mercedes Haines to purchase the part necessary for the Roosevelt backboard. All were in favor of this motion.

Payments for 1st half should be submitted to me next week and Hal will forward to Barbara when he gets info from all divisions.

Tennis – Barry Rubach (568-3946) runs this program. He left a message on the voicemail that he will send a list of all instructors prior to starting up again as well as a copy of the flyer for the Board.

Treasurer's Report - Beginning balance as of November 2007, was \$19,558.02, total deposits for month was \$2,280.00, total expenses for month were \$1,943.91, leaving a balance of \$19,009.11. A detailed report is attached. Beginning balance as of December 2007, was \$19,894.11, total deposits for month was \$2,276.60, total expenses for month were \$5,192.50, leaving a balance of \$16,978.21. A detailed report is attached.

New Business – The 2008 budget was turned into Commissioner Poli.

Old Business – None at this time.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 21, 2008.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Hugo Poli