

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2007, at 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
JUNE 14, 2007**

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 sent to The Record on the 27th day of December, 2006, and to the Star-Ledger on the 27th day of December, 2006. The notice of change of meeting date was sent to the Record and posted. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Gil Bell, Hal Bomzer, Carlos Carames, Lloyd Domke, Tom Essig and Diane Maglione. Mercedes Haines arrived after roll call. Leigh Rivera, Rich DePena, Mary Koegel and Frank Zaccherio were excused. Kaitlyn Maglione and Commissioner Poli were also present at the meeting.

A motion was made by Tom Essig and seconded by Hal Bomzer approving the minutes of the April 19, 2007, meeting. There are no minutes for May as there was not a quorum.

Correspondence: None.

Hearing of Citizens: None present.

Activity reports were as follows:

Bowling – Nothing to report.

Wrestling - No activity at this time.

T-Ball – Lloyd Domke said the season has ended and went well. The end-of-season picnic will be held on Monday, June 18, 2007.

Girls' Softball - Lloyd Domke said the final game of the season was being held tonight. Due to rain-outs, there were a lot of cancellations for some of the teams, particularly the younger teams. As far as games, the 11-year-old team did well. The other ages played fewer games due to many reasons (weather, coach's decisions to cancel games due to weather or his discretion – team not ready to play, etc.) Lloyd tried to give the coaches discretion to reschedule cancelled games and make up their own schedule. Unfortunately not all coaches rescheduled games for their team.

The 11-year-old team will be entering into a tournament. All expenses will be paid out of pocket. The cost to enter the tournament is \$100.00 so it will cost about \$8 per girl to play in the tournament. There are about five girls that have

improved very much but this is a competitive tournament so only 12 girls will participate. Tom already has a list of games played to date and funds have already been encumbered.

There was a problem with one of the younger teams coached by Frank Quinones. It came to a head at the end of the season. The parents weren't happy with the amount and length of practices. They were not happy with games being cancelled and were just generally not happy with a lot of things. Lloyd spoke to the coach and feels it is a difference in philosophy and opinions. Lloyd thinks that a 1-½ hour practice is long enough and agreed with the parents that 2-hour practices are too long for this age. Last week another town cancelled as a payback to this team for canceling the two previous games. Lloyd spoke to the other coach and voiced his displeasure. In the beginning it was tough to organize this league. Lloyd had tried to get the coach to reschedule a game since this team did not play enough games and the coach said that he was done with the season.

Schedules were handed out to all the girls. The 11/12 division played 11 games. As far as the field situation, the Board has a good relationship with the Baseball Organization. There are plenty of fields available to the girls. Lloyd had no problem with the DPW in getting fields and there was much cooperation with baseball. There was an agreement that a game had priority over a practice and both sides were reciprocal on this agreement.

The picnic is June 18, 2007, at 5:30. Members are asked to help out. Wachovia Bank had left over food from their company picnic and donated it to the picnic so no food is necessary.

Lloyd feels that the problems this year were basically differences of opinion and philosophy. At the beginning of the season, he talked to all coaches and thought they all understood and were in agreement but apparently, there were differences. Next year, things will need to be ironed out prior to the start of the season.

Summer Sandlot Baseball Program – There are about 10 participants from Ridgefield Park this year.

Women's Softball – Frank Zaccherio was not present to give a report. There was some confusion on the shirt order this year that needs to be cleared up. Some teams have notified the Board they did not receive all their shirts.

The Board also received a phone call from a frustrated coach regarding an injury that took place on June 12, 2006. Apparently, the player was transported by ambulance to the hospital and required surgery for a broken ankle. The coach was concerned because the player was now being sued for bills that were not paid by her insurance carrier and never submitted to the Village's carrier. She

said she attempted many calls to Frank but none were returned until recently when he informed her that he didn't think there was anything he could do because the injury occurred last year. The information was forwarded to GJEM Insurance for processing and hopefully this will resolve the situation for the player.

There is another returned check for a new registrant, which must be recouped.

There was much confusion in organizing this program this year and next year strict deadlines will be set for return of the packets.

Fourth of July – Anthony Ciraolo was selected as Grand Marshal.

Easter Egg Hunt – No activity at this time.

Holiday Display Contest – There were some leftover prizes this year.

Wish Tree – TD Northbank is now located at 245 Main Street. Kallie and Kaitlyn Maglione will handle the wish tree.

Tree Lighting – There was a discussion about possibly trying to borrow risers from the schools to make it easier for the scouts to line up. If this is not possible, another suggestion was to limit the amount of scouts by taking turns each year with the various troops. Additional speakers or microphones will also be looked into to try to improve the volume so that the crowd can hear the singing. Mercedes Haines will check with the schools about the risers.

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

Adult Trips/Activities – No activity at this time. The Board will send out a flyer to see if there is an interest in the suggested ballroom dancing activity for adults. Dance With Me Studios in Ridgefield offered to give lessons in their Ridgefield studio for \$10 per person. The contact is Eugene (941-7797) from Dance with Me studios in Ridgefield. He can offer the following:

Group lessons for up to 20 people would be \$150. More than 20 people would be \$150 for another instructor.

Lesson times available: Thursday up until 3 PM

Friday up until 3PM

Saturday after 6PM but some weeks might be skipped as they hold socials once a month

Sundays before 1 PM.

They would do one class a week for about an hour. Needs about 2 weeks notice to set something up. Prefers to do it in their studio in Ridgefield otherwise price is about twice as high.

They also hold socials to enable students to use their skills. Also have available showcase dinners every so often. This is where they have professional dancers come in as well as students for diners to watch.

This is the home of Maksim of Dancing with the Stars and he said he gives permission to use his name to attract people. We could do an 8-week or 10 week program he said, whatever we wanted to set up.

Basketball – Early bird registration forms have been distributed and are starting to come in. Early bird registration will be held until August 15. The new scoreboard was delivered to Grant School. Hal Bomzer is waiting to hear back on the new backboards for Grant School. He hopes to have installation of both done during the summer. Lloyd Domke will look into buying a small electric drill for Roosevelt and Grant Schools to make it easier to raise and lower the baskets.

Hal Bomzer submitted a budget to the Commissioner to increase fees for the referees so that the divisions were paid equally. He also would like to increase the payment to scorers/timers. The Board said it had no problem with increasing payment to the referees but had to check the budget before any changes could be made in the scorers/timers pay.

Tennis – Barry Rubach (568-3946) runs this program. The program will be held on the new tennis courts at Fellowship Park. The Board will call Barry Rubach and ask for a list of instructors for the file. The lights in this park are on an automatic sensor so they should be no problem.

Treasurer's Report - Beginning balance as of May 2007, was \$17,562.79, total deposits for month was \$2,387.24 total expenses for month were \$1,688.40, leaving a balance of \$18,261.63. There is another returned check for women's softball, which must be recouped. A detailed report is attached.

New Business – Two families recently requested memorial donations to the Board of Recreation in memory of a deceased family member. One check came in and the Board asked Commissioner Poli to make sure it can accept the donation.

Commissioner Poli will take care of reappointments of members who need to be reappointed: Mary Koegel, Carlos Carames and Rich DePena.

Nominations and elections will take place at the September meeting.

Carlos Carames wanted to note that he would be having a summer baseball team as part of the Baseball Organization in case there are any questions about the team. It is not part of recreation and the players raised the funds themselves.

Old Business – Last year the cheerleaders requested an increase in the football stipend received from the Village and debited against the Board's budget in order to buy uniforms. The Board has no problem allotting a stipend to the cheerleaders and will notify Wendy Lamparelli to submit bills for uniforms and the Board will assist in paying these invoices up to a total of \$1,500.00.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 20, 2007.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Hugo Poli