

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2006 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
February 16, 2006**

Vice President Mary Koegel 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 16th day of December, 2005, and to the Star-Ledger on the 16th day of December, 2005. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Gil Bell, Hal Bomzer, Lloyd Domke, Tom Essig, Mercedes Haines, Mary Koegel and Leigh Rivera. Rich DePena, Diane Maglione and Frank Zaccherio were excused. Commissioner Hugo Poli stopped by the meeting.

A motion was made by Mary Koegel and seconded by Tom Essig approving the minutes of the January 19, 2006, meeting.

Correspondence: None received

Hearing of Citizens: None present.

Activity reports were as follows:

Bowling – The season has begun. Lloyd Domke said that he spoke to Bowler City and they promised to get forms to St. Francis within the next week.

Wrestling – There is still a problem with an outstanding bill from two years ago when Mr. Raimondi was running the program and did not submit a bill on a timely basis to get paid. Diane Maglione said that she got a call from the Emerson league at her home looking for their \$250.00 from three years ago. Diane advised them that if money was left over from this year's registration that the Board would send them a check otherwise they should contact Mr. Raimondi from the high school to discuss payment for this outstanding bill.

T-Ball – Lloyd Domke said he would take over this program this year. He will work with both the girls and boys that have registered. Registration is still on going but so far he has about 15 registrations. A permit was already put in for Hobart Street field.

Girls' Softball – Lloyd Domke will be running the softball program this year and Gil Bell will assist him. Registration is still on going and currently Lloyd has about 18 registrations. He plans on having two teams. The Baseball Organization has now decided that they will include girls' softball in their programs as well this year so there has been a problem with numbers on the older girls teams. Lloyd said some parents were concerned about fields and practices. This should not be a

problem this year as field requests were already submitted to Commissioner Boyd. Uniforms will be ordered shortly. The season will probably start April 1. Lloyd will take an inventory of the equipment to see what is needed. Gil Bell and Leigh Rivera said they could help at the February 24 registration.

Summer Sandlot Baseball Program – Carlos Carames will be running this program again this year. A letter was sent to Matt McArow of GJEM in October 2005 requesting proof of insurance. No response has been received to date. Carlos needs this before he can participate in this league. Commissioner Poli has spoken to Matt McArow of GJEM who advised that he was waiting until January to issue a current certificate but to date, none has been received.

Women's Softball – No report available at this time.

Fourth of July – No activity at this time.

Easter Egg Hunt – The poster contest will take place at the March 16, 2006, meeting and the Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 15, 2006. The amount of \$800.00 will be encumbered for expenses for this activity. Mary Koegel said that she would speak to IGA to make sure they are donating the eggs.

Holiday Display Contest – Frank Zaccherio was not present to ask about the contest, however, prizes were given out at the January 10, 2006, meeting. There were some inquiries from winners about how to obtain their prize because they couldn't attend the meeting. Frank Zaccherio will need to distribute prizes to those winners not able to attend the January meeting. A voucher will need to be submitted to reimburse the Board for expenses.

Wish Tree – No activity at this time.

Tree Lighting – No activity at this time.

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

Adult Trips/Activities – Frank Zaccherio has nothing planned at this time.

Basketball – For the most part, the program has been running well. The players have been their best behavior. There have been some incidents with adults but not with any players. Adults (parents, coaches) have been reminded about proper behavior. There will be some games on February 18 and Hal Bomzer has informed the school that games will be played.

Leigh Rivera said that we should remember for next year that as far as shirts, dark shirts need white numbers and light shirts need dark numbers. There was a mechanical problem this year and this shouldn't happen next year.

In 3 /4 boys, Bill Gerken has spoken to his division about proper behavior and things have been running well. In the 5/6 boys division, there have been some coaches that have needed to be spoken to about behavior. Some coaches are a little too intense for a children's program. The 7/8 boys division has been working well with only one incident (with adults) earlier in the season. The clinic has been running very well and ends on March 4. 3/4/5 girls have been going well. Lloyd Domke said that he has received inquiries from other towns wanting to play the recreation teams but there is no gym time available to add any more games. 6/7/8 girls have had some problems. There was a recent incident and Gil Bell is planning a meeting with Hal Bomzer and Rich DePena (probably tomorrow night) to strongly reinforce proper behavior by coaches and their teams. All coaches and assistants will be asked to attend the meeting at 6PM on Friday. He said that this division is sort of turning into a "demolition derby" and he will clear this up at a meeting with the coaches. He does not want his coaches harassing the referees and will explain to them that this will not be tolerated. It has been a tough division this season.

Playoffs will be starting. Hal Bomzer feels that having both Rich DePena and himself officiating should keep things under control at the playoffs. The trophies have been ordered and should be in next week. First-half payments have been submitted and checks should be distributed shortly.

Tennis – Barry Rubach (568-3946) runs this program and the Board has no information as to when the program will resume.

Treasurer's Report - The treasurer was not present to give a current balance. The Clerk's Office is still looking for Frank Zaccherio to turn in his books to them.

New Business – None at this time.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 16, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Hugo Poli