

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2003, AT 7:00 P.M.**

**BOARD OF RECREATION  
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY  
JUNE 19, 2003**

Vice President Mary Koegel 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 sent to The Record on the 19th day of December, 2002, and to the Star-Ledger on the 19th day of December, 2002. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Hal Bomzer, Tom Essig, Catherine Jacob, Mary Koegel and Leigh Rivera. Diane Maglione, Rich DePena, Mercedes Haines and Paula DiMeglio were excused.

A motion was made by Catherine Jacob and seconded by Leigh Rivera approving the minutes of the May 15, 2003, meeting.

**Correspondence:** A thank you card was received from Bunny Reilly for her basket of goodies and also from the family of Ed Storer for the expression of sympathy.

**Hearing of Citizens:** Carlos Carames and John Toomey were present to discuss the sandlot summer program. They also wanted to know if it would be possible to take some of the kids in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. Carlos said some of the girls on the softball program had wanted to march in the parade. John Toomey said he would take any players that wanted to march in the parade. John Toomey will speak with Russ Papay of the July 4<sup>th</sup> Committee about participating in the parade.

Activity reports were as follows:

**Bowling -** The forms for the summer program were distributed in the schools.

**Wrestling –** No activity at this time.

**T-Ball –** The season will end on Saturday. Rich DePena will give out certificates to players at that time. It was suggested that maybe next year kindergarten students be included in this program.

**Girls' Softball –** The season has ended. Next year, third grade girls will be allowed to play on teams in the younger division. It worked out very well playing with Hackensack and traveling there as well. All monies have been paid to the umpires.

It was suggested that perhaps the season be lengthened next year to make it easier for the participants to play. Maybe only one game will be played a week until school ends and then the season could be extended so that more girls would be able to participate without scheduling conflicts.

**Summer Sandlot Baseball Program** – The season will run from June 23 – July 31. Field #2 will be used for this program. Carlos Carames and John Toomey will run this program. Shirts, hats and pants will be ordered for the players. Right now, they plan to run with one team. The first game is against Clifton on Tuesday with a rain date of Wednesday. They have also scheduled some games with Hackensack. Hackensack will include the Ridgefield Park team in its schedule. Carlos will check with Diane Maglione about equipment when she returns from vacation. They need some catcher's equipment and balls.

**Women's Softball** – The season has begun and is running well. The only problem has been the weather. A refund check in the amount of \$210 was issued to Bella Cox. The sponsor of her team paid for 19 members and only 13 are playing. She will use the remainder of the money for refreshments for the team.

**Fourth of July** – Fred Criscuolo will be the Grand Marshal.

**Easter Egg Hunt** – No activity at this time.

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

**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** – No activity at this time.

**Women's Basketball** – Due to lack of interest, the program ended early.

**Basketball** – Registration forms were distributed to all first grade students and mailed to any player registered in the 2002-2003 season. Early registration will be held until August 15 (\$25.00 registration fee). Registration is \$30.00 for the first child and \$25.00 for each additional child. After October 4, a \$5.00 late fee will be charged. Registration forms were also sent to all eighth grade girls who were registered for the 2002-2003 season inviting them to participate in an experimental program for this age group only.

Carlos Carames volunteered to run his son's division next year if needed. John Toomey also volunteered to assist.

**Tennis** – Barry Rubach (568-3946) called to advise that he would be using Hunter Park for lessons twice a week. He will handle the program in its entirety.

**Treasurer's Report** - The balance as of the last deposit is \$3,204.00

**New Business:** It was suggested the meeting time be changed to 7:00 p.m. This will be discussed at the next meeting when all members are present.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 18, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Joseph Storer