

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2008, at 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
March 13, 2008**

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 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, Hal Bomzer, Carlos Carames, Lloyd Domke, Tom Essig, Mercedes Haines, Mary Koegel, Leigh Rivera and Frank Zaccherio. Rich DePena and Gil Bell were excused.

A motion was made by Leigh Rivera and seconded by Hal Bomzer approving the minutes of the February 21, 2008, meeting.

Correspondence: None.

Hearing of Citizens: None present.

Activity reports were as follows:

Bowling – Nothing to report.

Wrestling - Charlie Ferrara ordered 44 trophies, however, there are only 22 registered players. The 7/8 graders from RPHS do not pay a registration fee. There are players from Ridgefield that paid Ridgefield a fee. The cost for 47 trophies is 4360. Charlie Ferrara mentioned that there were some 7/8 in Ridgefield Park that did pay. He might have registrations in his possession and some of they may have paid. He also said that they did have some players from Ridgefield. Some of the players did not finish the season.

Tony Gonzalez called Tom Essig and said he was not aware of any problems. Tom Essig explained that the Board covers only those that are registered. Tony Gonzalez said he would call Mike Alberque to get a check to cover the extra players. As a goodwill gesture, they volunteered to pay for a tournament. In the future, they will pay toward tournaments.

T-Ball – Registration took place in February. As of now, there are 20 players for 7/8, 17 for 5/6 and 11 for 3/4. Lloyd Domke will cap registrations at 26. This will give him two teams in the older division and one in the younger division. Lloyd has all the coaches lined up. Permits for the fields are in.

Girls' Softball - Numbers are listed above. Lloyd will take care of ordering

uniforms and equipment.

Summer Sandlot Baseball Program – No activity at this time.

Women's Softball – Packets have been received from all teams. There is one less team this year. Jack's team owes for two more players. Grasshoppers owes for the entire team. This team cannot practice until they are paid in full. The Board will not recognize this team until all forms and fees are in. An email will be sent to this team advising that if a completed packet is not received by March 17, then they will not be permitted to play this season. The teams need to understand that the league must be self-funded and the umpiring association needs to be paid by April 1 so all funds must be received by March 1. The season should start on April 20. Since there is one less team this year, it will be possible for all games to be held in RP. An email will be sent to Craig Lynch to advise him that all games can be played in RP this year.

Fourth of July – Harry Graves, Sr., and Bob Carlson have been nominated for grand marshal.

Easter Egg Hunt – Fourteen posters were delivered for the poster contest tonight. The egg hunt will take place on Saturday. Eggs will be dyed at the ambulance corps. on Friday night. Mary Koegel has the candy. IGA will be supplying the eggs. Arrangements have been made with the DPW. A memo will be sent to the DPW asking if they could make sure all glass and debris are removed from the hills where the eggs are hidden. Members should meet at 8:30 a.m.

Holiday Display Contest – No activity at this time.

Wish Tree – No activity at this time.

Tree Lighting – Diane Maglione spoke to Santa who explained that he would prefer to arrive before the tree is lit. He said he will come early and stay for the whole ceremony if that would make it work. He thinks it is a let down for him to arrive when the tree is already lit. Diane explained to him that it is hard for all the younger children to sing in the dark and that is why the tree has been lit early. Next year, the Board will try to coordinate timing with Santa. The Board will also look into purchasing risers to control the chorus better. Confirmation of the sound system will also be done in writing to avoid any confusion.

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

Adult Trips/Activities – Frank Zaccherio recently had tickets for the circus and the Nets. Sales went well.

Ballroom Dancing – The third session is underway and registration forms are

out for the next session.

Basketball – Season is done. It went pretty well for a program this size. There were some minimal problems with players, which will be addressed next year. There was a broken window at Grant School by children of the concession worker. The Board had no responsibility for this incident. Fees for the first half are done and the final payment will go out shortly. The height adjustor at Grant School broke. Since it could not be determined when it broke, the Board and the school will split the cost. The clinic went very well. Mercedes Haines said she wanted to thank Rich DePena for his help.

Lloyd Domke and Gil Bell were asked by some of the girls to run a summer rec league. They will look into the logistics of this as well as the cost. A note will be sent to GJEM to inquire about costs.

Tennis – Barry Rubach (568-3946) runs this program.

Treasurer's Report - Beginning balance as of February 2008, was \$16,008.21, total deposits for month was \$4,958.00, total expenses for month were \$6,382.52 leaving a balance of \$14,583.69. A detailed report is attached.

New Business – None at this time.

Old Business – None at this time.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 17, 2008.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Hugo Poli