

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2013, at 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
FEBRUARY 21, 2013**

President Diane Maglione called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 28th day of December, 2012, and sent to the Star-Ledger on the 28th day of December, 2012. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Diane Maglione, Gil Bell, Lloyd Domke, Tom Essig, Scott Garris, Mercedes Haines, Mary Koegel and Leigh Rivera. Hal Bomzer, Mike Ruiz and Tom Strowbridge were excused. Frank Zaccaria was absent.

The minutes of the January 17, 2013, meeting were approved.

Correspondence: Letter received from Vanessa Diaz regarding Zumba classes; memo from Safety Office regarding Sports Concussion education.

Hearing of Citizens: None Present

Activity reports were as follows:

Bowling – Nothing to report.

Wrestling – Mary Koegel said there have been some communication problems with the wrestling program. Apparently the North Bergen tournament had to be cancelled due to snow. There are discrepancies in what the tournament money will be used for and if the tournament was rescheduled. Uly Encarnacion did pick up a check from Tom Essig for fees to enter this tournament. Tom was under the impression that the tournament was being rescheduled for March 17. Parents have notified Mary that there was supposed to be a qualifying meet that Uly would not let the wrestlers participate in. There was a discussion that some girls were being discouraged from participating in the program.

Mary said that Uly does not communicate with her at all. She only gets to speak with him if she tracks him down at the high school during wrestling. He needs to communicate better with the Board and keep the Board updated with all wrestling activity. Diane Maglione will contact Mr. Taibi to work on better communication and get a status update on the program in order for it to continue.

Uly did order uniforms but Tom Essig has not received any invoices from Uly.

Girls' Softball - Registration was rescheduled due to the snow. Lloyd Domke said only four girls showed up on the new date. He has not heard anything from the league he participated in last year but will reach out to other towns to schedule games if necessary. The request for fields was sent to Commissioner MacNeill.

Lloyd Domke asked if the Board could purchase a job box for one of the softball fields, which would benefit both the ponytail softball program and the women's softball program. It is very difficult to keep the field maintained once the school season is over. This was suggested several years ago but no action has been taken by the Village. The ground gets too hard and with no access to water or tools they are a safety hazard to the players. The teams need access to a hose to wet the fields as well as tools to maintain the fields. Lloyd also thinks that it would be a good idea for the Board to buy one box to get the project started. Lloyd said he would be able to handle all arrangements for the box and the cost would probably be about \$1,200-\$1,500 for one complete box.

A motion was made by Scott Garris and seconded by Gil Bell to look into the cost of a complete box for field #4 and allowing Lloyd Domke to proceed with this box providing the cost does not exceed \$2,000.00. Lloyd Domke will handle all arrangements for this box and will get back to the Board before proceeding if

the costs exceed \$2,000.00. If the cost exceeds \$2,000.00, another vote will be necessary by the Board. All were in favor of this motion.

Women's Softball – Frank Zaccherio was not present to give a final report. The Board does not have any information on the past season from Frank. Diane Maglione has been receiving complaints because the end-of-season party was never held. Diane told a representative of the league that she could run the party but that did not work out. Diane suggested that the teams have a pre-season party with the funds and that no funds will be taken out for any future party. No funds will be collected for any future parties. Changes will need to be made in leadership of the program for this year.

Packets were emailed to all teams and are due back on March 20. There will be a meeting with all softball teams on March 20. The Board asked for a volunteer from the program to be the liaison and run this program. There is someone who has stepped up and volunteered to handle this position. Diane will speak with this person prior to the March 20 meeting. The Board will discuss ending the end-of-season party as it has not taken place for the past two years.

Fourth of July – No activity at this time. There has been one nomination for Grand Marshal.

Easter Egg Hunt – The hunt will be held on Saturday, March 30. Mary Koegel will look into getting some lawn signs made for the hunt. She has ordered the eggs and will be getting the candy. The ambulance corps submitted the wrong date for the hunt to the newsletter. Mary will speak with the ambulance corps to coordinate things. She has a replacement bunny as the regular volunteer is unavailable this year. Flyers will be distributed in the schools in March.

Holiday Display Contest – Mary Koegel still has two prizes that she has been unable to deliver. If she cannot make contact with the fourth place winner, she will leave the platter at the Clerk's Office and advise the winner to pick it up at their convenience.

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 activities at this time.

Adult Craft Classes – No activities at this time.

Basketball – Diane Maglione received a telephone call from one of the parents involved in the January 5th incident at Lincoln School. The parent requested that his wife's ban from attending the games be lifted so she could watch her son play. Diane explained this was not possible due to the serious offenses committed and the situation was resolved. Also, one of the letters was returned as "undeliverable" although it was properly addressed and the correct address was verified. All participants were made aware of the disciplinary measures issued.

Hal Bomzer was unable to attend the meeting but sent in his report as follows:
All has gone ok since last meeting. Checks went out for first half and no real issues. A couple of injuries, both of which had reports filed. Weather took one weekend away and we have no chance to make up. Some teams will only play 9 games.

Diane went over the books and there were a few minor problems. The Commissioners again reminded the Board that the system they set in place last year was still to be followed. Diane has reminded all Division Heads that books must be fully completed or payment will not be made to that particular person. All officials, scorers and timers must make sure to sign in each and every game and books must be completely filled out and dated in order for payment to be processed. Incomplete books will not be considered for payment in the future. Referees fees were \$3,750 for the first half of the season and the Board issued \$966 in timer/scorer fees.

A photographer approached the Board and would like to do pictures for basketball. He is willing to set everything up. Diane Maglione explained to him that the Board cannot hold fundraisers but he could take pictures for interested parties. He sent over samples of pictures and his price list.

A motion was made by Gil Bell and seconded by Scott Garris to allow the photographer (Jorge of TeamFotos) to make contact with the division heads to possibly take pictures this year. All were in favor of this motion.

Fran Orovitz has reminded the Board that not all divisions have turned in concussion certificates but have been reminded to do so. Certificates were turned in for 5/6 & 7/8 boys.

Tennis – Barry Ruback (568-3946) runs this program, which is taught by All Pro Tennis Staff.

Treasurer's Report - Beginning balance as of January 2013 was \$33,642.72 total deposits for month were \$391.45, total expenses for month were \$770.45, leaving a balance of \$33,263.72. A detailed report is attached. There is \$1,300.00 available for the pre-season party for the women's softball program. There are still returned checks from the basketball program.

A motion was made by Mercedes Haines and seconded by Leigh Rivera approving the Treasurer's Report. All were in favor of this motion.

There were some questions about bills submitted for payment. They need to be more detailed in the future (list amount of shirts, color of shirts, etc.). If there are plans for extra money left over from a program, full details about these plans need to be submitted before any funds can be distributed.

New Business – A letter was received from Vanessa Diaz requesting the Board to sponsor adult Zumba classes. She is a certified exercise instructor and has previously taught in the village. There are currently no adult activities (other than women's softball) sponsored by the Board so this would fill a void. She will provide the music and audio equipment. She would need the Board to obtain a location for the class (Lincoln School will have space available). Classes would run 60-70 minutes and cost \$7 each or a 10-class pass for \$50, which would cover costs of the instructor. There will be no costs to the Board to sponsor this program.

A motion was made by Gil Bell and seconded by Lloyd Domke to approve the start-up of an adult Zumba class to be taught by Vanessa Diaz. All were in favor of this motion.

The Board will contact Vanessa to advise that the Board voted to sponsor the Zumba program and make arrangements to obtain a location for the classes. Vanessa will be advised that she must keep the Board up-dated on this activity. The Board will distribute flyers to the schools once all information is obtained from Vanessa.

Old Business – Note for Commissioner MacNeill: Commissioner MacNeill advised that he needs to talk to the Board about background checks. This issue needs to be addressed ASAP.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2013.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Leigh Rivera and seconded by Scott Garris to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Adam MacNeill