

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2004, AT 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
May 20, 2004**

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 sent to The Record on the 29th day of December, 2003, and to the Star-Ledger on the 29th day of December, 2003. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Diane Maglione, Hal Bomzer, Rich DePena, Mercedes Haines and Mary Koegel. Leigh Rivera and Frank Zaccherio were excused. Catherine Jacob was absent. Commissioner Storer was also present.

A motion was made by Rich DePena and seconded by Mary Koegel approving the minutes of the April 15, 2004, meeting.

Correspondence: A thank you card was also received from Tom Essig for the fruit basket and well wishes. An acknowledgment card was also received from the family of Virginia Anlian for the expression of sympathy.

Hearing of Citizens: None present.

Activity reports were as follows:

Bowling – No new information at this time.

Wrestling – Diane Maglione reported on several occurrences during the past wrestling season, which must be corrected for next year. This year there were far more participants than the Board of Recreation had money or permission slips for. She informed Mike Raimondi of this fact during the season and also that the Board of Recreation would not assume any liability for any participants which he permitted without being properly registered.

There is money that wrestling brought in from the registration fees and Tony Gonzalez had asked if he could use some of these funds for a year-end party. The Board only paid money out for some referees and some uniforms. The uniforms were supposed to be collected at the end of the season but Mike Raimondi has still not informed players to return their uniforms. This is probably one reason why the program needs new uniforms each year. Diane has not been approached again about the party.

It has been past practice for the high school to give its old varsity mat to the Board of Recreation to use for its wrestling program. The mat needs to be refurbished and the Board is waiting for pricing from Tony Gonzalez. Rich

DePena has a price from a distributor he knows. This has not been done for at least 12 years and the high school is due for a new mat.

T-Ball – The program is running well. The picnic is scheduled for June 10. Rich DePena would like to get some new bats for next year.

Girls' Softball – Diane Maglione wanted to make it clear to Commissioner Storer that although it may look like the program is not utilizing the fields, this program still requires fields in Ridgefield Park. Since the Board of Recreation never received a permit, it began the program using fields in Hackensack so as to avoid a conflict with the baseball organization. Many of the games this year ended up scheduled in Hackensack and the players would prefer not to travel for all games so the Ridgefield Park fields will be used more in the future. The picnic is scheduled for June 10. Members should meet at the pavilion at 5:00 p.m. Diane Maglione would like to get pants for the girls next season (that will be returned at the end of the season).

Summer Sandlot Baseball Program – The program is running well. The program is participating in a tournament over the Memorial Day weekend and will need some fields in Ridgefield Park. Diane Maglione is waiting for Bill White to get back to her with the times and dates he needs fields.

It was decided to invite the sandlot baseball players to the end of year softball picnic tentatively scheduled for June 10. Carlos will take care of this invitation once final plans are made and notify the Board of how many to expect at the picnic.

Women's Softball – The season is running well so far.

Fourth of July – All activities will take place on July 5. Voting for the program cover and grand marshal will take place on Monday, May 24. The Board of Recreation is entitled to vote.

Easter Egg Hunt – Mary Koegel has spoken to Jim from the IGA regarding the eggs. Everything should be taken care of next year as far as the eggs. Mary will send a letter reminding IGA of the date of the egg hunt so they can remember the eggs this year.

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.

Basketball – The division leaders were alerted to a problem with the final payment. Since the temporary budget has not yet been increased, they were notified that payment would not be made until sometime next month. There is still a problem with some addresses not being turned in so checks cannot be sent to these players. Hal Bomzer wrote down a payment procedure to be used in 2004-2005 to hopefully solve the problems encountered this season. The Board will supply blank W2 forms to all division leaders so they can distribute them to all referees/scorers/timers. These forms will be returned to the division leader and no payment will be made unless a form is submitted. The W2 forms will be submitted with the final tally sheet to the Clerk's Office to satisfy the Village's auditors and also verify a correct address for everyone so that checks can be mailed. This procedure should make the process run smoother next season.

Mercedes Haines amended her inventory as follows:

Trophies: 2 girls, 7 boys

Shirts: 4 grey (2 medium, 2 large); 4 green large

Coach's Shirts: 3 XL, 1 LG, 1XXXL

2 whistles

Next registration will take place at Roosevelt School on October 1 and 2. Evaluations will take place at Lincoln School on November 1 and 2. Early registration will be distributed to first grade students in school and mailed to all participants from last year.

A permit was issued for use of Lincoln School gym by the boys traveling team on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. from April 20 through June 10. This program is being run by Joe Urbay.

Tennis – Barry Rubach (568-3946) is running this program. The program has been running smoothly with the exception of a net disappearing during a scavenger hunt in town. There was also a problem because the Bogota boy's basketball coach was apparently using Hunter Park to hold organized practices for his team. This group of teenage boys intimidated the younger children using the court and basically forced them off the court by holding full court practices. This was observed on several occasions and the police were called to speak to the coach who denied organizing these practices. It seemed to happen on Fridays when tennis lessons occurred. After an incident report was filed by the police, the team apparently moved to a new location. Diane Maglione, as President of the Board of Recreation, sent a letter to the Bogota Athletic Director, Bogota Board of Education and Supt. of Schools notifying them of this practice by their coach infringing upon the rights of Ridgefield Park residents. Commissioner Storer said he would ask the DPW to post a sign outlining the rules for proper use of the park.

Treasurer's Report - The current balance is \$8,016.00. A bill was submitted for the shirts for the girls' softball program.

New Business: None at this time.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 17, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Storer