

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2009, at 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
NOVEMBER 20, 2008**

President Diane Maglione called the meeting to order at 7:10 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, Gil Bell, Hal Bomzer, Rich DePena, Tom Essig, Mercedes Haines, Mary Koegel and Mike Ruiz. Carlos Carames, Leigh Rivera and Frank Zaccherio were excused.

A motion was made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Mercedes Haines approving the minutes of the October 16, 2008, meeting.

Correspondence: A solicitation letter was received from Project Graduation as well as correspondence from Malcolm Lash, a youth basketball coordinator.

Hearing of Citizens: None present.

Activity reports were as follows:

Bowling – Nothing to report.

Wrestling - Ulysses Encarnacion is the coordinator this year. One of the problems is that St. Francis is never included in flyers. He also did not notify the Board of the registration date. Mary Koegel went down to registration and Mr. Encarnacion was not present for the entire time he said he would be available for registration at the school. Only one meet is home now. He did not know if Little Ferry students got the forms. Diane Maglione will go to see Tony Gonzalez and let him know of the problems and that the Board has not seen any money or forms for this program.

T-Ball – Nothing to report.

Girls' Softball - Nothing to report.

Summer Sandlot Baseball Program – No activity at this time.

Women's Softball – There were some procedural questions asked about what constituted a full game in playoffs and who had final say on this decision. An email was sent to Peggy Schneider to clear up this question.

Fourth of July – Procedures for who is eligible to vote for grand marshal have changed. It will be necessary to designate a representative and alternates in order to be able to vote in the future.

Easter Egg Hunt – Hal Bomzer will be looking into a new Easter Bunny costume.

Holiday Display Contest – Prizes were purchased for the contest. There will be 12 residential prizes, three grand prizes and three business prizes. The residential prizes will be ornaments and the grand prizes will be personalized throw blankets. The contest will be held on Friday, December 19.

Wish Tree – Kaitlyn and Kallie Maglione will handle the wish tree located at TD Bank.

Tree Lighting – A discussion was held on the logistics of the evening and a schedule was made up. Santa Claus has indicated that he would like to be present for the entire ceremony. The schedule will be as follows:

5:30 Introduction of Mayor and Commissioners
 5:35 Blessing
 5:40 Toys-for-Tots
 5:45 High School band and chorus
 6:15 Soloists
 6:25 Scouts
 6:30 Arrival of Santa
 6:45 Raffle

Gil Bell will look into getting rotating lights so that there is some light when the high school performs. Mercedes Haines will get the candy canes and arrange with Vorhees-Ingerswersen for the bicycle gift certificate.

Rag-A-Muffin – The parade was held on Saturday, October 25, 2008. Everything went well. There were about 100 participants. Entries were as follows:

Division 1 – 18	Division 5 – 7
Division 2 – 20	Division 6 – 3
Division 3 – 8	Division 7 – 12
Division 4 – 21	

Adult Trips/Activities – Frank Zaccherio has one more Nets game to take place. Sales were light on the first two Nets games.

Ballroom Dancing – Due to lack of interest, lessons are not currently being held.

Basketball – Schedules have been sent out. 5/6 and 3/4 boys divisions have one less team this year. 3/4/5 girls also have one less team this year. The clinic is very small this year with very few girls. The coach's certification class is tonight.

Rich DePena would like to start a 3/4 boys traveling team and be in charge of any traveling divisions run through the Board this year. He will hold tryouts before the season ends and the team would start once the regular season ends. The only players that can participate in the traveling teams must first be participants in the regular season.

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

Treasurer's Report - Beginning balance as October 2008, was \$18,560.74 , total deposits for month were \$5,382.00, total expenses for month were \$1,689.00 leaving a balance of \$22,253.74. A detailed report is attached.

New Business – None at this time.

Old Business – None at this time.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 15, 2009.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Rich DePena and seconded by Mike Ruiz to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Hugo Poli