

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2005, AT 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
October 20, 2005**

President Diane Maglione 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 31st day of December, 2004, and to the Star-Ledger on the 31st day of December, 2004. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Gil Bell, Hal Bomzer, Rich DePena, Lloyd Domke, Tom Essig, Mercedes Haines and Leigh Rivera. Diane Maglione, Mary Koegel and Frank Zaccherio were excused. Carlos Carames was also present at the meeting.

A motion was made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Leigh Rivera approving the minutes of the September 15, 2005, meeting.

Correspondence: None.

Hearing of Citizens: None present.

Activity reports were as follows:

Bowling – No new information at this time.

Wrestling – Mark Maggio from the high school will be running the program this year. Registration will probably be in November.

T-Ball – No activity at this time.

Girls' Softball – Lloyd Domke will be running the softball program this year and Gil Bell will assist him. Carlos Carames said that Hackensack has invited Ridgefield Park to participate in the new league they have merged with.

Summer Sandlot Baseball Program – Carlos Carames said the program ran very well this year. The season ended October 12. Three players chose to play with Hackensack's traveling team. There were 16 participants in the program this year. They were broken up into three different age groups. Hackensack must have proof of insurance before the season starts in order for Ridgefield Park to participate next year. They never got the certificate from GJEM last year. A letter will be sent to GJEM requesting a certificate for proof of insurance from April 1 through October 30.

Women's Softball – No report available at this time.

Fourth of July – No activity at this time.

Easter Egg Hunt – No activity at this time.

Holiday Display Contest – The contest will be held on December 23, 2005, this year. Frank Zaccherio will chair this event again. Frank needs to advise Diane how much money to encumber for this activity.

Wish Tree – Kaitlyn Maglione will chair this event again.

Tree Lighting – The tree lighting will be held on Sunday, December 4., at 5:30 p.m. Mercedes Haines will chair this event again and will begin contacting the DPW, fire department, Vorhees Funeral Home, etc., to put everything in place for the lighting.

Rag-A-Muffin – The parade will be held on October 29, 2005. The rain date is the following Saturday, November 5, 2005. Members should meet about 9:00 a.m. to set-up for the parade. Trophies are in and the candy is ready. Letters went out to the DPW and Police Department to get everything set. Rick Lutz and Diane will take care of bringing the banner and Division Signs. Diane will have the DPW place the reviewing stand at Cedar St., facing west, and closer to the northern island. This way the younger entrants can start lining up on Euclid Avenue behind the reviewing stand. They'll walk up to the break in between the islands closer to Mt. Vernon St., and walk back towards Hobart St. in front of the stand. All divisions should continue walking past the stand and to the next island where the candy will be given out. Hopefully the kids and their parents will congregate closer to the park when they're done parading around. As the first division moves up, the next will follow and so on. Diane did make mention at the Confirmation meeting that any child needing community service could leave a message on the Board voice mail.

Adult Trips/Activities – Frank Zaccherio has nothing planned at this time.

Basketball – There are about 290 registrations right now. Evaluations will take place at Lincoln School on November 1 and 2 as follows:
 Tuesday, November 1 – 3/4 & 5/6 boys 6-7:30 p.m. (Mercedes, Leigh, Bill, Rich, Hal)
 Wed., November 2 – 3/4 & 5/6 & 7/8 Girls at 6-7:30 p.m. - 7/8 Boys 7:30-8:30 (Leigh, Gil, Rich, Hal)
 Any member available is asked to assist at the evaluations. Two tables will be requested in the hallway outside the gym so that registrations can be done with less confusion.

This season a ceiling will be put on each division and a waiting list will be made for late registrations. The new scoreboard for Roosevelt School has been

installed. Hal Bomzer has ordered the equipment, which will be delivered to the DPW. The DPW will call when the equipment is delivered.

A meeting has been scheduled for all division leaders on October 25 at 9PM at Hose 4. There will also be scheduled a coaches' meeting to go over the rules and also a training session for the scorers and timers. Referees will also be asked to attend the meeting so that everyone is aware of all rules, including changes made this year. Hal Bomzer is going to ask Mr. Gaskin from the high school if he would be willing to conduct a coaches' clinic.

As of right now, it looks like the girls will be broken down into two divisions. 3/4/5 and 6/7/8 grade girls will be the break up. There have already been some complaints about girls complaining that they were moved up to a higher division. It was explained that it would only help the girls because they would now have the opportunity to improve their skills. There also is no other choice as there are not enough younger girls to carry a division. It will also probably help the older division as past history has shown that players drop out throughout the season and then recruiting must be done so that teams have enough members.

The certification class is scheduled for November 16 at Lincoln School's cafeteria. Those attending the class must be there by 6:45 pm. Coaches need to submit a list of those attending the class to Barbara DeLuca by November 4, 2005. Shirt colors and sizes need to be submitted by November 11 and numbers need to be submitted by November 21, 2005.

Tennis – Barry Rubach (568-3946) runs this program and the Board has no information as to when the program will resume.

Treasurer's Report - The treasurer was not present to give a current balance. The Clerk's Office is requiring that separate totals be kept for each activity so that a running balance is available for each program complete with a list of receipts and expenses.

New Business – None at this time.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 17, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Poli