

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2005, AT 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
SEPTEMBER 16, 2005**

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 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: Diane Maglione, Gil Bell, Hal Bomzer, Rich DePena, Lloyd Domke, Mary Koegel and Leigh Rivera. Frank Zaccherio, Tom Essig and Mercedes Haines were excused. Commissioner Hugo Poli was also in attendance.

A motion was made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Leigh Rivera approving the minutes of the May 19, 2005, meeting. There are no minutes for June as there was no meeting.

Correspondence: Permits were received for use by the gyms for basketball season.

Hearing of Citizens: None present.

Activity reports were as follows:

Bowling – No new information at this time.

Wrestling – There was an outstanding bill from a pervious year, which the former school representative never submitted. Tony Gonzalez was instructed to work out arrangements for payment of this bill with the Village Clerk. Tony had wanted to get the mat refurbished but the original price quote that he gave was for \$10,000.00, which was too expensive. Gil Bell said that Flag House in Hasbrouck Heights might be able to offer another quote.

T-Ball – Rich DePena said that the program went well this year.

Girls' Softball – There was some confusion this year due to lack of members and coaches but the season went as well as could be under the circumstances. Next year there needs to be better scheduling. Lloyd Domke and Gil Bell said that they would chair this program next year. They would like to do registration in early January. Lloyd said that he has some contacts with other towns so that he could make out a schedule for the upcoming year. Registration will be announced in the December newsletter so that everyone knows there will be a recreation softball program.

Summer Sandlot Baseball Program – Carlos Carames ran this program and it seems to have run well again this year.

Women's Softball – The season has ended. Frank Zaccherio submitted the final bill for the umpires but it needs his signature before it can be processed. The party has been postponed to later in the year.

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.

Wish Tree – Kaitlyn Maglione will chair this event again.

Tree Lighting – The tree lighting will be held on Sunday, December 4. Mercedes Haines will chair this event again. She has begun asking previous attendees about the tree lighting. Mr. Simone, the chorus and some band members will be there this year. Robert Bannon will also sign one or two songs. They will start before the ceremony begins to attract the crowd. 7-11 has again agreed to provide slurpees. Everything should be in place by November 1.

There was a discussion about the logistics of the event. There is not enough room for the scouts to stand on the grass anymore. It was suggested that the barricades be moved back so that half the street is left open for the scouts. It was also suggested that the Rescue Squad be repositioned to make for more room.

Rag-A-Muffin – The parade will be held on October 29, 2005. The trophies have been ordered. Member should meet about 9:00 a.m. to set-up for the parade. Diane Catalano will encumber funds for this event.

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

Basketball – There are about 150 early registrations. Registration will take place at Roosevelt School on Friday, September 30 from 7-9 pm and Saturday, from 9 am – noon. Mercedes Haines, Hal Bomzer, Rich DePena and Leigh Rivera can help on the 30th. Rich DePena, Leigh Rivera and Gil Bell can help out on October 1. Sample t-shirts will be available for sizing.

Evaluations will take place at Lincoln School on November 1 and 2. Mercedes can help on November 2. Members will be asked at the next meeting when they can help out. Evaluations will take place as follows:

Tuesday, November 1 – 3/4 & 5/6 boys 6-7:30 p.m.

Wed., November 2 – 3/4 & 5/6 & 7/8 Girls at 6-7:30 p.m. - 7/8 Boys 7:30-8:30

This season a ceiling will be put on each division and a waiting list will be made for late registrations. Hal Bomzer will tally up all expenses as soon as registration and evaluations are complete so that Diane Catalano may encumber the proper funds.

The new scoreboard for Roosevelt School has come in and is waiting to be installed. Dr. Richardson has agreed to handle the installation.

The first aid kits need to be replenished. Commissioner Poli said he could take care of this. Rich DePena said he will contact Joe Urbay to get the first aid kit from Lincoln School and Leigh Rivera said she would pick up the kit from Grant School. Hal Bomzer will take care of ordering the equipment needed for this activity.

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 – Gil Bell and Lloyd Domke were appointed as new members.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 20, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Poli