

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2011, at 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
January 20, 2011**

President Diane Maglione called the meeting to order at 7:04 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 29th day of December, 2010, and sent to the Star-Ledger on the 29th day of December, 2010. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Diane Maglione, Hal Bomzer, Lloyd Domke, Tom Essig and Mary Koegel. Gil Bell, Carlos Carames, Rich DePena, Mercedes Haines, Leigh Rivera, Mike Ruiz and Frank Zaccherio were excused.

A motion was made by Mary Koegel and seconded by Tom Essig to accept the minutes of the November 18, 2010, meeting. All were in favor of this motion.

Correspondence: A note of thanks was received from the Welfare Office for assisting with the wish tree.

Hearing of Citizens: None present

Activity reports were as follows:

Bowling – Nothing to report. No one has seen any forms for the program.

Wrestling – There was supposed to have been a tournament at the high school on January 8, 2011, which was cancelled due to the snow. Mary Koegel and the paramedic were not informed of the cancellation and showed up. Apparently the cancellation was done over announcements in the school. Tom Essig said he did receive a call from Uly Encarnacion requesting checks for the tournament. Mary Koegel said she has not received any email responses from Uly. Tom said he did get a voicemail but did not hear it in time to notify anyone. Uly needs to make sure he reaches a person when leaving important messages and possibly make sure all parents receive a telephone call when there is a cancellation. Uly needs to send a final roster to the Board. The next home tournament is February 5.

Girls' Softball - Registration will be held at Roosevelt School on Saturday, February 5, 2011, from 10:00 am. – 12:00 p.m. The first meeting was in December with the other towns. A meeting will also be scheduled shortly. Lloyd Domke brought up that Little Ferry should be allowed back in the league and only Bogota disagreed with this. The outcome was that Bogota did not have to play against Little Ferry if it did not want to. It will be decided at next meeting if each team needs to put up a \$200.00 bond to pay the umpires if proper cancellation is not done with proper notice. This is because Cliffside Park did not show up a few times. A scheduling meeting will come up in March. The field request will be sent to Commissioner MacNeill.

The high school varsity softball and baseball team will be away for five days. Lloyd Domke would like to request a permit for use of the high school to practice with the high school softball team members that did participate in the recreation program. Diane Maglione told him that she did not think that under the bylaws the Board would be permitted to exclude anyone from one of their activities. All Board activities must be open to everyone. Lloyd said at this point in time it could be open to anyone trying out for any of the school teams. Diane said this could be a problem because it would have to be opened to all residents regardless of whether they attend school in Ridgefield Park or not. Lloyd said he will also look into the possibility of getting private insurance for this activity and also speak to Commissioner Poli about getting insurance through the town.

Women's Softball – One of the teams read in the paper that the fields are being refurbished and

wondered if it would affect the season. Lloyd Domke said that a utility field is being installed and will not affect field usage. It will be a turf field so it will not be lost in the event of bad weather.

The Board (not necessarily a full membership attendance) needs to have an end of season meeting with women's softball. There is a short list of areas they would like to discuss. Board members are invited to attend if they choose. The meeting will be scheduled for the beginning of February. An email will be sent to all team representatives advising of the meeting and asking them to send their proposed agenda for the meeting so the Board is aware of their concerns and can have answers to their questions.

Fourth of July – Nominations are being accepted for grand marshal.

Easter Egg Hunt – The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 23, 2011, this year.

Holiday Display Contest – Mary Koegel said the contest went very well this year. She took pictures of each winner. The houses that entered were decorated very well. Only one winner showed up at the meeting. The first prize winner was the only winner present. Everyone liked the prizes. There are still lots of houses that don't enter the contest despite advertising the contest in the schools and the Patriot. Mary Koegel will deliver the remaining prizes. A list of winners is attached.

Wish Tree – Kaitlyn Maglione handled the wish tree this year. The tree was at TD Bank. The leftover ornaments were taken by the Police Department and the Rotary Club. Next year more advertising will be done to remind people to take the ornaments. A thank you will be sent to TD Bank.

Tree Lighting – Everything went well even though the lighting was not available. Mercedes Haines said there are two chairs available for next year for Santa and Mrs. Claus. The Board needs to look into storage for these chairs.

Rag-A-Muffin – No activity at this time.

Adult Trips/Activities – No activities at this time. Frank Zaccherio said he is not planning any Nets games for this year.

Adult Craft Classes – There was a one-night holiday ornament workshop on November 30 costing \$35 per student.

Basketball – The certification class was held on December 9, 2010, and attendance was low. Coaches that did not attend were informed they had to attend on their own and would be reimbursed once they gave the Board a copy of their card. The season is running smoothly so far. There has been one injury. First-half expenses were submitted. The major problem this year has been the weather and trying to get make-ups done.

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

Treasurer's Report - Beginning balance as of October 2010, was \$28,, total deposits for month were \$5,290.00, total expenses for month were \$1,385.00, leaving a balance of \$27,214.63 . A detailed report is attached. A motion was made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Lloyd Domke accepting the Treasurer's Report. All were in favor of this motion.

New Business – Newsletter deadlines have been set:

Deadline	Delivery Dates
February 18	March 21-25
May 16	June 20-24
August 15	September 19-23

October 17

November 14-18

Mercedes Haines mentioned to Diane about starting a summer volleyball program. Diane explained to her that if a program was started it had to be open to everyone, not just team members. No one gets paid to run the program and everyone is eligible to participate in the program. All costs need to be covered by the participants as well. Mercedes said she would get back to Diane on this.

Lloyd Domke said he thinks the CPR cards need to be renewed this year. The ambulance had ran a class two years ago. Lloyd did point out that there are no paddles available on the softball fields. The police do have paddles in their patrol cars.

Old Business – Carlos Carames and Frank Zaccherio still need to sign the Oath of Office. Frank Zaccherio has the form but has not returned it. Diane will check with Carlos about his intentions.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 17, 2011.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Tom Essig and seconded by Mary Koegel to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Hugo Poli