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**TENAFLY RECREATION BOARD  
MINUTES – April 8, 2013**

- I. ROLL CALL:** Matthew Mercurio, Carol Roux, Naomi McDermott, Sara Levinson, Steve Hamersma, Ed Salaski-Board of Education Liaison, Robert Silber, Nadia LaMastra-Council Liaison, Monica Zaccario

**ABSENT:** David Reichel, Amy Lerner-Alpine Liaison, Jeff Pattison

- II. MINUTES:** March 11, 2013 **Mr. Silber motions to accept the minutes, Mr. Hamersma seconds the motion, all in favor, the motion is carried.**

**III. AUDIENCE:**

1. Jeff & Sharon Kurtz-Football-29 Tulip Tree Lane Alpine-The have started a booster program for the junior football program and are asking for a fee increase in order to better the program through new equipment, practice aids and training aids they feel safety comes first. Mr. Kurtz states that new helmets and shoulder pads are most important. Mr. Kurtz states that they would like to purchase jerseys with names on them. Mrs. LaMastra asks what kind of training aids will be purchased, Mr. Kurtz states that equipment for younger/smaller kids for training such as tackle dummies. Mr. Kurtz states that they have already gotten \$10,000 in donations. Mr. Kurtz request the fee be increased to \$250.00. Mrs. LaMastra inquires if the child will keep equipment. Mr. Kurtz states that the team will keep the equipment each child will keep their jersey. Mr. Kurtz states that he checked and other towns fees are \$240-\$270, he states that other sports in Tenafly charge several hundred dollars. Mrs. Kurtz asked for feedback from last year's players out of 86 who registered 54 supported the increase, 6 are in favor of a modest increase, 2 people were against the fee increase and 24 people did not respond. Mrs. Levinson asked what program enhancement were planned, Mr. Kurtz stated that he spoke to the high school coach Kurt Hommen and Coach Hommen gave him the high school playbook which will help with the feeder program, Mr. Kurtz states that Football Day will be held on June 8<sup>th</sup>, with professional athletes. Mr. Hommen plans on holding a small mini football camp.
2. Alex Morik-Little League-Was not in attendance
3. Sam Bruno-69 Ivy Lane-Mr. Bruno requests a copy of the light policy for the Municipal Field, Mrs. Roux presented Mr. Bruno with a copy of the policy.

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Proposal from Art Ditzel for a dog/cat CPR Class-**Mr. Silber motions to accept the program, Mrs. Levinson seconds the motion, all in favor, the motion is carried.**

**V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

1. Softball Update-Mr. Mercurio states that there are 4 teams in each division. Mr. Mercurio states that the 14U, 12U, 10U travel teams will be playing in the Ugals league. Mr. Mercurio states that grades K-2 will be having clinics

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for 6 weeks beginning on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

2. Program Updates-Mr. Mercurio states that two new programs that were offered for the Spring Beyond Boundaries and Hip Hop dance class did not have enough interest to run the program.
3. NJRPA Conference-Mr. Mercurio reported on two classes he attended at the Conference.
4. Skate Park-Mr. Mercurio states that we have a new site supervisor and things have been running smoothly at the skate park.
5. Youth Tiger Football-Fee/Coaches Meeting-Mr. Mercurio states that he will have a meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> week in June. Mrs. Levinson inquires who will be in attendance. Mr. Mercurio states he will meet with last year's coaches and that this will be a wrap up meeting.  
Football Day-Mr. Mercurio reports that will be run along with the booster club and a couple of professional players to help gain the interest of new players. Mr. Silber inquires whether the turf has been freshened/groomed. Mr. Mercurio states that we do not have money budgeted and that the cost would be \$3,500. Mrs. Levinson stated that cosponsored sports should contribute. **Mr. Silber motions that within all due course we make every effort to have the field groomed and pellets added, 1<sup>st</sup> request the funds from the mayor and council, 2<sup>nd</sup> cosponsored sports then solicit outside funds, Mr. Hamersma seconds the motion, all in favor the motion is carried.**
6. Men's/Co-Ed Softball Leagues-Mr. Mercurio reports there are 10 teams in the Mens League and 5 teams in the Coed League, Mr. Silber inquires whether the recreation department has checked the number of residents per team. Mr. Mercurio states that we are requiring addresses to this year in order to check residency. Mrs. Levinson asks what Mr. Mercurio's recommendation is regarding percentage of residents required per team. Mr. Mercurio states he feels we need to gather all of the information to make a decision. Mr. Silber states that we need to make sure we are not excluding Tenafly residents from using the field while allowing non residents. Mr. Hamersma inquires if we will be are we asking adult soccer for proof of residency. Mr Mercurio states that we will check all groups.
7. Lacrosse Update-Mr. Mercurio reports we have a total to date of 67 children in the youth program, 23 of those signed up are girls and that the high school program has 15 boys.
8. Community Night-Mr. Mercurio states that the recreation department along with the police department will be holding a community safety night this fall pending mayor and council approval.
9. Safe @ Home-Mr. Mercurio reports that we have 11 teams in our 12U division and 6 teams in our 14U, the tournament will take place. May 17-19
10. Point of Service Module-Mr. Mercurio states that we currently have this program on Capture Point and that will be meeting with a staff member from Capture Point to train our department staff. This program will help with accounting, class lists, etc.

## VI. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Fitness Equipment-Mrs. LaMastra states that Mr. Mercurio will attend the May 7<sup>th</sup> mayor and council meeting. Mrs. LaMastra reports there have been complaints from residents regarding the money and location.

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2. Fingerprinting-Mrs. LaMastra reports that even though the Kanka funding has run out we will continue to fingerprint as money has been budgeted.
3. Co-sponsorship- **Mr. Silber motions to hold a special meeting to discuss co-sponsorship, with advertising within the next 60 days, Mrs. Levinson seconds, all in favor the motion is carried.**
4. Concession Stand-Mr. Mercurio reports that the maintenance department has a gentlemen volunteering his time and will be doing all work for free. Mr. Mercurio showed a sketch of the cabinets, countertops and sink. Mrs. Levinson states that her husband would have helped out with this, that it is his business, Mr. Hamersma reports that a vent will cost \$15,000-\$20,000 Mr. Mercurio will check into costs.
5. Mrs. LaMastra reports that the lightning detectors company that was awarded the contract has gone out of business, the borough now needs to go out to bid again. The borough is hoping to have this done by the end of June.

#### **VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Municipal Field Lights-Mr. Mercurio states that he has receive a complaint from a residents, Mrs. Fink about lights shining in her window. The cost to is \$2,100 to have Musco come out and redirect the lights. Mr. Silber feels that if the lights are misdirected the company should be responsible for the cost. Mrs. Levinson, Mr. Silber and Mr. Mercurio with permission will go over to Mrs. Fink's house at night and check the lights.
2. Mrs. Levinson requests a copy of the budget, Mrs. LaMastra will get her one.
3. Football-The board discusses the \$90.00 increase, Mrs. Levinson states that she was very impressed with Mr. & Mrs. Kurtz and feels the fact that they reached out to the high school coach is great and it will help the feeder program. Mr. Mercurio states the money will be for scholarships as well as equipment and coaches training. **Mr. Silber motions to accept the football fee increase to \$250.00, Mrs. Levinson seconds, all in favor, the motion is carried.**
4. Mr. Hamersma request that new helmets be put into the current budget. Mrs. LaMastra states that the town is responsible for supplying kids with necessary equipment. Mr. Mercurio states that we need 30 more helmets for each child to have a new helmet. Mrs. LaMastra suggests Mr. Hamersma attend the mayor and council meeting to voice his opinion, when she presents this to the Mayor and Council. Mr. Hamersma and Mrs. Levinson will attend.
5. Mrs. LaMastra reports that April 23<sup>rd</sup> is the nature center meeting and that the ambulance corp. has purchased a cart to drive onto fields and aid with injured players.

#### **VIII. SPECIAL EVENTS:**

1. Fireworks, Wednesday, July 3, Tenafly High School, Rain date July 6<sup>th</sup>
2. Little League/Girls Softball Parade-Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 8:30-10:00 am

#### **IX. ADJOURNMENT: 9:12 pm**

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**Mrs. Levinson motions to adjourn, Mrs. Zaccario seconds, all in favor , the motion is carried.**