

**TENAFLY RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES– February 11, 2013**

- I. ROLL CALL:** Matt Mercurio, Carol Roux, Steve Hamersma, Robert Silber, Jeff Pattison, Amy Lerner-Alpine Liaison, David Reichel, Ed Salaski-Board of Education Liaison, Sara Levinson

Absent: Monica Zaccario, Naomi McDermott

Presentation of plaques to former members: Louis Smaragdakis, Tom Swift
Mr. Silber thanked Mr. Swift for his years of service to the Recreation Board and presented him with a plaque. Mr. Swift wishes the board good luck and states if the board needs anything please call him. Mr. Silber also expressed the board's gratitude to Mr. Smaragdakis and Mr. Rodriguez who were not in attendance.

- II. MINUTES:** January 14, 2013 **Mr. Hamersma motions to accept the minutes, Mr. Pattison seconds, all in favor the motion is carried.**

- III. AUDIENCE:** Mike Horbacewicz- 115 Sussex Road-Mr. Horbacewicz presented the end of the season report for soccer stating that there were 800 plus kids in program. Opening day included professional players. Mr. Horbacewicz reports that 130 players and parents attended a Red Bull Game. Soccer lockers were installed at Sunnyside Park. The 8th grade graduates received a fleece as well as all coaches. Mr. Horbacewicz inquires about travel vs recreation whether they need to play both. Mr. Mercurio states a decision will be made next month. Soccer would like to put a gate on the Foster Road side of the Municipal Field. Mr. Silber asks if there is an issue with lower numbers in division for older kids. Mr. Horbacewicz state as always there is a drop off in numbers for that age group. Mr. Horbacewicz states that the older kids play at night and they have other commitments. The challenger program had 26 players and 45 volunteers. Mr. Horbacewicz states that Tenafly Junior Soccer will be donating money for the AEDs placed on the field. Soccer would be interested in installing a keypad lock on the bathrooms at Sunnyside and the Municipal Field. Mr. Mercurio will look into prices.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Travel Soccer request for non-resident players-Mrs. Levinson inquires how the team got into this situation of needed non-residents. Mr. Salaski states that there were a few girls who decided not to play in the Spring who played in the Fall. Mr. Hamersma inquires how a Tenafly parent will feel if a non-resident is playing over a Tenafly player. Mr. Silber states that in his experience the parents are grateful that there are enough players for the team. Mrs. Levinson states the by-laws rule playing time. **Mrs. Levinson motions to accept and allow the outside players, Mr. Pattison seconds Mr. Hamersma abstains, the motion is carried.**

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. Two new signs for basketball courts-**The signs are up.**

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2. Policy for equipment not returned- **Mr. Mercurio states that he is speaking with the Borough Attorney to see what we are able to do.**
3. Financial Disclosure Forms-**FYI**
4. Program updates/Brochure-Mr. Mercurio reports that the new brochure will be out in two weeks, and it will include the new programs.
5. Camp Registration-Mr. Mercurio that there will be two dates for residents registration and two dates for non-residents. Mr. Mercurio reports that the time to restructure camp. Mr. Mercurio states there are new trips and classes. Mr. Mercurio states camp will also be going to the Tenafly Swim Club also this year. Mr. Mercurio reports that our state license has a limit of 400 campers. Mr. Mercurio asks the board for the power to decide on how many non-residents he can accept. Mrs. Levinson feels that in person registration may not be fair to working parents. Mr. Pattison motions to permit Mr. Mercurio to decide how many residents/non-residents will be accepted in the summer camp program, Mr. Hamersma seconds, all in favor, the motion is carried.
6. Football-Mr. Mercurio attended the football league meeting he states that 1 team dropped from league and they are looking for a new team. Mr. Mercurio is looking to reestablish a website for our football teams. Mr. Mercurio states that parents have asked that the player's names be placed on jerseys, Mr. Mercurio states that there would be a need to raise fee in order to purchase them. Mr. Mercurio suggested that the parent group come to board explaining what they want. Mr. Hamersma states that in the past names on jerseys caused trouble when kids moved up and there were two kids with the same number. Mr. Mercurio reports that Jeff Kurtz will be stepping up to help with the parent committee.
7. Softball Clinic/Registration-Mr. Mercurio reports that there are 17 high school girls participating in the clinic being run by Spartan Sport Camp. Mr. Mercurio states that all of the girls involved are current players. Spartan Sports Camp will be running clinics for our K-2 division they will be training girls and coaches for the first 6 weeks of the season.. Spring softball registration currently has 108 girls signed up, last year there was a total of 208 girls. Mr. Mercurio states that currently the Safe @ Home Tournament has 5 teams in the 12U division and 3 in the 14U division this does not include the Tenafly teams.
8. NJRPA-March 4-6-Mr. Mercurio reports that he will be attending the convention. Mr. Mercurio states that he will be taking a class and becoming a certified as Rutgers Safety Instructor. Mr. Mercurio states that he will be taking several classes and will be receiving CEU credits need to keep up current certification.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Fitness Equipment-Mrs. LaMastra state that this is on the agenda for the mayor and council meeting.
2. Co-sponsorship-Mr. Mercurio hands out cosponsorship policy along with his recommendations he asks that a decision be made in March.
3. TYB Basketball Fee-Mr. Mercurio clarifies that the travel fee was \$300 and the in town fee was \$90 and the pee wee clinic was \$85.
4. Concession Stand-Mr. Mercurio will have a date by the March meeting for the ribbon cutting ceremony. Mayor Rustin will clarify with council who will be on the plaque.

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5. Lacrosse-Mr. Mercurio states he will be meeting with Harry Wool who has coaches. Mr. Mercurio states that we have a permit for the practice football field behind the middle school for practices. Games cannot be played on the practice field it is too small. Mr. Mercurio states that we need to find a field for games. Mr. Hamersma asks if Lacrosse will be this Spring. Mr. Mercurio states that yes it will be in the Spring it may be clinics for younger players and if there are enough older players we will find games. Mr. Hamersma asks if we have money for goals. Mr. Mercurio states we do. Mr. Hamersma inquires where will the goals be kept. Mr. Mercurio states they will be chained at the middle school. Mr. Reichel inquires who will purchase the equipment. Mr. Mercurio states for now parents will. Mr. Hamersma states it may be possible to keep goals in the trailer under the bleachers at Geissinger Field. Mr. Mercurio will check into it.
Mr. Mercurio states the league will be for girls and boys.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Mercurio states he has been asked by the mayor to raise administrative fee by \$2.00 to offset community events. There was resistance from the board.
2. Mrs. LaMastra states that the administrative fees allowed us to build the concessions stand and maintain the turf. She states that those who use the field are not contributing to the account since they are outside groups. Mr. Mercurio states that Mr. Toonkel asked why soccer isn't charged a fee per child to help maintain the field. Mr. Silber state everyone using the field should contribute. Mr. Silber asked if we have received information to refresh the field. Mr. Mercurio states it would cost \$6000 for field turf to run a machine over field and bring life back to it Mrs. Levinson states that the question of charging a fee for others could be a part of the co-sponsorship discussion. Mr. Reichel asks if cosponsored pay anything to use the field. Mr. Mercurio states no they do not. Mr. Hamersma states he feels that travel soccer should have donated money to refurbish the turf rather than building a field on the corner of Tenaflly Road and Riveredge Road.
3. Father/Daughter Dance- Mr. Mercurio states that the dance went very well and there were over 220 people at the event.

VIII. SPECIAL EVENTS:

IX. ADJOURNMENT: 8:54 pm

Mr. Hamersma motions to adjourn, Mrs. Levinson, seconds, all in favor, the motion is carried.