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**TENAFLY RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – July 15, 2013**

- I. ROLL CALL: Matthew Mercurio, Carol Roux, Naomi McDermott, Steve Hamersma, Ed Salaski, David Reichel, Nadia LaMastra, Robert Silber, Sara Levinson, Amy Lerner**

ABSENT: Jeff Pattison, Monica Zaccario

- II. MINUTES: June 10, 2013 Mr. Reichel motions to approve the minutes, Mr. Silber seconds, all in favor the motion is carried**

III. AUDIENCE:

Larry Gordon-100 Essex Drive-Handed out manifesto for softball with notification from Alex Morik that softball was accepted under the Little League banner. Mr. Gordon states he feels this will strengthen and grow the program. The parent group will fundraise he feels that the advisory board has good intentions to grow the program.

Mrs. LaMastra states that she sat in on a majority of the meetings, they have worked very hard with the best interest of the girls she feels there is a dedicated group of parents. Mrs. LaMastra is in full support of the move.

Mr. Mercurio confirms that they will be totally under Little League except the board will be separate.

Mr. Hamersma inquires how transferring of equipment will be handled and if liability issue on the used equipment.

Mr. Mercurio states whatever they want they will get. Mrs. LaMastra will check into the issue of liability.

Mr. Silber inquires as to the anticipated fee structure.

Mr. Gordon states it will remain at the existing fee.

Tom Giordano 12 George St-Mr. Giordano inquires what will happen with the money in the softball account.

Mrs. LaMastra states that if there is any money equipment can be purchased

Mrs. Levinson asked if there is peace between the two regimes.

Mr. Gordon states that Monica, Al and Ken want to still be involved.

Mr. Hamersma asks if there is a new field being built on corner of Jefferson and Sunset

Mr. Salaski states that a field may be built to help Little League and Softball with field space for t-ball.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. Camp-Mr. Mercurio states that camp has been going well, trips are going well, kids are enjoying going to the pools.

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2. Community Night Sept. 17th 5-8-FYI

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Cosponsorship Policy-Final Draft Mr. Mercurio states that the draft was sent to all cosponsored sports, all of the cosponsored sports are willing to abide by whatever the recreation board decides.
Mrs. Lerner asks if the board will monitor Recreation vs Travel playing time for a year.
Mrs. McDermott asks who would do the monitoring and there would then need to be a punishment or reward and that the board acts when reports of violations. Mrs. McDermott states that the board sets a policy and then people can come forward and report violations
Mrs. Levinson motions to approve policy, Mr. Silber seconds, all in favor the motion is carried.
2. Football Sponsorship Pilot Season-Mr. Mercurio states that the booster club for football are getting sponsors for this pilot program.
The program will consist of hanging 4 x6 foot signs from August 15- November 15 on field. If the program is a success the board will revisit the idea to incorporate other sports. All signs will require Mayor & Council approval. The Recreation Dept has purchased new football helmets.
3. By Laws for Recreation Sports-Mr. Mercurio will meet with cosponsored to get their by laws to use to write ours.
4. Lightning Detectors- Will be in place by the end of August.
Mrs. McDermott states that the mayor and council suggests signage and an ordinance for penalties
5. Softball Move-Strategic plan to a strong future-Mr. Mercurio states that he supports the move with the group of parents and the support of Little League
Mr. Reichel motions to support Tenafly Youth Softball becoming a part of Little League, Mr. Silber seconds, Mr. Hamersma opposes, motion is carried
6. Mr. Silber asks if the breakdown of adult softball resident/non resident is available.
7. Mrs. Levinson states that the Board of Education meeting re: Geissinger Field was very good. Mrs. Levinson states that she has heard from residents that the lights on the little league field is a disturbance and she feels that since Little League is a cosponsored sport we should work with them not to disturb the neighbors.
Mrs. McDermott states that the residents need to come to the recreation board with the complaint.
Mr. Mercurio will check with Little League regarding their light policy
Mrs. Levinson feels that the travel soccer board needs to maximize the number of kids on each team this year last year they ran teams that were lean. Some children were left out Mrs. Levinson feels there is inconsistency in their policy and the travel soccer board needs to create consistency regarding the number of kids on teams.
Mr. Silber states that travel soccer may have realized that last year's way did not work so this year they are trying teams with less players.

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Mr. Reichel asks if they set numbers before teams are made, Mr. Salaski states that they look at numbers then pick teams.

Mrs. Levinson states that travel soccer did not adhere to their by laws.

8. Mr. Hamersma states that the fence along Foster Road now has a ladder for people to climb over to get the soccer ball and that he remembers soccer offering to pay for a gate to be installed. Mr. Mercurio will have the ladder taken down and check into the fence. Mr. Hamersma states that no one from TJSL/adult soccer was at the Geissinger Field meeting regarding the turf.
9. Mrs. McDermott thanked all of the Recreation Board members who attended the Board of Education meeting re: Geissinger Field

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mrs. Lerner reports that the school field in Alpine will be repaired. There will be coed soccer teams in Alpine for grades 5-8.

VIII. SPECIAL EVENTS:

IX. ADJOURNMENT: 8:47

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