

Approved November 18, 2013

**TENAFLY RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – October 28, 2013**

I. ROLL CALL: Matthew Mercurio, Carol Roux, Steve Hamersmas, David Reichel
Robert Silber, Ed Salaski, Naomi McDermott

ABSENT: Jeff Pattison, Sara Levinson, Monica Zaccario, Nadia LaMastra,
Amy Lerner

II. MINUTES: September 9, 2013- **Mr. Silber motions to approve the minutes,
Mr. Hamersma seconds, all in favor, the motion is carried.**

III. AUDIENCE: Ray Lucas- Mr. Lucas stated that he is concerned that there is
another Tai Chi Class similar to his.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Email from Mayor Rustin regarding Community Night- Mr. Rustin sent an email congratulating everyone on the night Mr. Mercurio explained the night to the board.
2. Article regarding Geissinger Field- Mr. Mercurio asks the board to compose a letter stating that they support an agreement between the Recreation Department and the Board of Education regardless of hours offered. Mr. Mercurio feels the relationship between the two is strong and there should not be a problem, **Mr. Silber motions to approve a letter, Mr. Hamersma seconds the motion, all in favor, the motion is carried.**
3. Article on Fitness Equipment- Bogota & Teaneck- Mr. Mercurio will send letter to the council regarding the status of the outdoor fitness equipment.
4. Mr. Mercurio shares a letter from a Glen Rock Girls soccer coach thanking Tenafly's travel soccer parents for clapping for his daughter who was carried off the field when hurt this shows great sportsmanship

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. Mens/Coed Softball-Meeting follow up- Mr. Mercurio reports that the meetings were very productive and several new rules will be implemented.
2. Football-Season update- Mr. Mercurio reports that there is 1 week left in the season he also expressed his thanks to the boosters and volunteers. Mr. Mercurio reports that the younger grades are larger which is promising for the program. The Banquet will be held on December 4th at the Clinton Inn
3. Cheerleading-Season update- Mr. Mercurio reports that there are more cheerleaders this year than in the past and that new uniforms were purchased.
5. Community Night- Mr. Mercurio reports that the night was very successful and that another event will be held next year. Mr. Mercurio expresses his appreciation to Sergeant Roux and Carol Roux for their work in planning the event.

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6. Halloween Celebration-Review-Mr. Mercurio reports that once again the event was very successful with over 200 people in attendance and as usual the Haunted House was very scary
7. Camp Staff Feedback-Mr. Mercurio read feedback from summer camp staff.
8. Fence on Municipal Field-Mr. Mercurio reports that new fencing is being installed on the field with a middle bar all across the fence to prevent denting from balls being kicked into it. Mr. Mercurio will look into have the netting in center field replaced in the spring. Mr. Reichel states that a gate in left field would be helpful allowing people access to the field without having to walk all around. Mr. Mercurio will check into a gate there and one on Foster Road, this would allow easy retrieval of soccer balls kicked over the fence.
9. Lightning Detectors-Mr. Mercurio reports that the lightning detector system is up and functioning at Borough and Board of Education facilities. Rules will be attached to the field permits. The detection system is set at a 12 mile radius from the base unit which is at DPW
10. Mr. Mercurio reports that motion lights have been installed at the Municipal Field along the building and at Sunnyside Park over the AED Device.
11. Mr. Mercurio reports that the AED at Sunnyside Park was stolen and that a new one has been purchased and installed.
12. Mr. Mercurio reports that softball is looking for gym space for winter and they are working with basketball to get some space possibly at Stillman School one night a week.
12. Mr. Mercurio reports that he will have a meeting next week with youth soccer and softball to discuss Spring permits.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

1. By Laws for Recreation Sports-Travel and In-town soccer will be at the November meeting with end of year report
2. Mr. Silber asks how are things at the skate park?-Mr. Mercurio states they are improving but it is very hard to police. Mr. Silber asks if the basketball courts are ready? Mr. Mercurio reports not yet.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Hamersma asks if there was a problem at a Junior Football Game-Mr. Mercurio states that during a game in Cresskill our junior division coach felt there were helmet to helmet hits and that the referees were not making the calls, the league investigated the situation and found no problem.
2. Mr. Lucas' concerns regarding the Tai Chi classes. Mrs. McDermott states there is no policy that prevents duplicate classes
3. Mrs. McDermott addresses the suggestion that the board dictate our co-sponsored sports support a certain charity. Mr. Reichel feels that if players/coaches etc. want to support a charity that is their choice we should not be involved.

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VIII. SPECIAL EVENTS:

1. Fall Bake Off –Mr. Mercurio states that the event was a success.
2. Mr. Mercurio reports that the Tenafly High School Football Bon fire is being held on November 27th.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: 8:38 pm

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