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**TENAFLY RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – November 18, 2013**

- I. ROLL CALL:** Matthew Mercurio, Carol Roux, Naomi McDermott, Ed Salaski-Board of Education Liaison, Robert Silber Amy Lerner-Alpine Liaison, Sara Levinson, Steve Hamersma, Monica Zaccario, David Reichel
Absent: Jeff Pattison, Nadia LaMastra-Council Liaison (absent at time of roll call arrived late)
- II. MINUTES:** October 28, 2013 **Mr. Silber motions to approve the minutes, Mr. Hamersma seconds the motion, all in favor the motion is carried**
- III. AUDIENCE:**
1. Travel Soccer-Year End Report-Ed Salaski presents the end of year report- Mr. Salaski states that travel soccer had a very successful seasons 300+ kids were involved. The travel team has a very good reputation in the league with well behaved parents, coaches, kids. Scholarships to several families no one is denied playing due to financial troubles. Mr. Salaski reports that the by-laws document was created on similar documents of other organizations. This is a draft and has not been adopted by the TUSL Board.
Mrs. Levinson asked if there is anything in the by-laws regarding playing up, how members are recruited for the board and are there coaches evaluations and feedback. Mrs. Levinson feels that parents should be asked for feedback.

Mr. Salaski states that there are guidelines, coaches are trainers the parents are managers there are rules if a coach violates the code of conduct. The issue is brought to the company who employees the trainers.
 2. In-Town Soccer-Year End Report-Jamie Kraft president of TJSL presents the end of year report – Mr. Kraft states that the season ended this weekend, there were 780 kids in the program with great parent participation, 2 camps were held this year. The league held a community night at the Red Bulls with 250 families, the league also collected 20 bags of old equipment and donated it to the Boys and Girls Club.
Mrs. Levinson asked it the in-town board will support all kids playing travel have to play in town.
Mr. Kraft state that only 20+ travel players did not sign up for in town and a list was given to travel coaches asking them to remind the players to sign up for in-town. Mr. Silber inquires how many players were in the Challenger Program, Mr. Kraft reports there were 24 players with 32 volunteers.
 3. Alan Zaccario-Hazelton Terrace Tenafly-Mr. Zaccario request that girls softball on the high school level be held under the Recreation Department.

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This would be for the fall Ugals season and winter training beginning with the Fall of 2014. Mr. Mercurio will contact Little League to see if they have any objections.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. High School Bonfire-FYI
2. Mr. Mercurio read thank you emails from Bake Off participants.
3. Mr. Mercurio reads an email from David Moyer requesting a spring coed volleyball league and states that we will look into it
4. Mr. Mercurio states that an ordinance has been passed by the Mayor and Council banning smoking including electronic cigarettes on borough property, parking lots and walkways. Mr. Mercurio states that a copy of the ordinance will be added to permits
5. Mr. Mercurio states that the Lightning Safety Policy has been passed and permit users will have to sign off on it.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. Football/Cheerleading Update-Mr. Mercurio reports that the Football/Cheerleading dinner will be held on Wednesday Dec. 4th at the Clinton Inn
Mr. Mercurio reports that the season is over and he will have wrap up meeting with coaches and the boosters regarding ways to improve the programs.
Mr. Mercurio reports that cheerleading numbers were up by 8 participants.
The HIPA Policy was discussed.
2. Mr. Mercurio reports that the fence at Municipal Field is almost complete and that two gates were installed one on Clinton Ave. and Foster Road. The old net will be torn down in Center Field and a new net installed
4. Spring 2014 Field Use Meeting-Mr. Mercurio states the meeting went well between TUSL and Softball with everyone sharing the field space for the Spring.
5. HIB Policy-Harrasment-Intimidation and Bullying-Mr. Mercurio will compose a policy and will meet with the Board of Education's Asst. Superintendent for her help. Mr. Mercurio reports that NYSCA has a free bullying class online that coaches will take in conjunction with their certification and concussion course already required.
6. Lightning Detectors-see above
7. Program Guide-will be in homes little after Thanksgiving
8. Bake Off Recipe Book-compiled after Bake-Off is in office and online
Very well received.
9. H. S. Basketball League 2014-Draft will be in December, Games on Monday And Wednesdays in Middle School
10. Father/Daughter Snow Ball-20 people signed up already. January 23rd.

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VI. OLD BUSINESS:

1. By Laws for Recreation Sports-Mr. Mercurio will work on the by-laws with Mrs. Levinson
2. Mr. Silber asks if the Recreation Department will have Spring Lacrosse-Mr. Mercurio states yes we are waiting for a proposal from Extreme Lacrosse.
3. Mrs. Levinson states that she feels the sports in town should have a charity of choice. Mrs. Levinson feels the Recreation Department should encourage co-sponsored sports to participate in social causes ie: Breast Cancer awareness month in October , Heart Awareness month in February.
Mr. Mercurio asks what Mrs. Levinson would like the Recreation Department do.
Mrs. Levinson states that she would like the department make co-sponsored sports aware of social causes going on possibly have the co-sponsored sports buy socks, shoe laces etc.
Mr. Silber feel that this is a good idea but the Recreation Department cannot dictate what a sport should do. Mr. Silber feels that as a policy it is a good idea to promote social consciousness and this should be encouraged in the by-laws.
4. Mr. Reichel states that based on last year in Lacrosse the younger kids need more coaches this year and that the Extreme Lacrosse coaches should solicit parent help in organizing the players since at that age they do not like to wait around.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Lights on Geissinger Field-The Mayor and Council will vote on shared services at their next meeting. The Board of Education has given Recreation 25 hours a week on the turf .
Mr. Salaski report that as long as all goes well with the vote on December 10th everything will be on target for installation in the fall, if the vote is delayed until January the turf will not be installed this fall, however the lights will.
2. Bicycle Giveaway-Chief Chamberlain has 19 bicycles in their impound lot and asked the Recreation Department's help in finding homes for them.
The Recreation Department will look into places to donate them.
3. Mr. Mercurio reports that the basketball courts are open, however the lines are being repainted.
4. Mrs. Levinson states that the Basketball By-laws are dated July 2008 and are incomplete-

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Mr. Mercurio states that they are being redone and will be presented at next meeting

Mrs. Levinson asks that Mr. Mercurio make sure all cosponsored sports are filing taxes.

Mrs. Levinson inquires about the boy who played for another town in football but resides in Tenaflly. Mr. Mercurio stated that he checked with league they said there was no child playing illegally for any towns.

Mr. Hamersma states that the child should be playing for Tenaflly since he attends Tenaflly Schools.

Mr. Silber states that if we are aware of a situation we should notify the league in writing and we want in writing that the child is legally playing on a team.

Mrs. Levinson states that the dates for basketball tryouts put her son in a compromising position. She states that tryouts were earlier this year and his tryout date and time were during a scheduled football practice and that in a sport like football it is very important to be at practice

Mrs. Levinson states that she called basketball and was told that they could not change the tryouts. Mrs. Levinson reports that the call backs were on Sunday and her son had a semi-final baseball game she again called basketball they said could not find anymore gym time to reschedule. Mrs. Levinson feels that the Recreation Director should facilitate schedules to avoid conflicts.

Mr. Mercurio states that many kids could have had conflicts with other programs and there is no way to avoid conflicts.

Mr. Silber states that there will always be a conflict with someone and the sports try their best to avoid conflicts. It is not the Recreation Directors position to dictate this to other sports.

Mr. Reichel states that if basketball changed the dates they may have gotten many more complaints due to conflicts.

Mrs. McDermott states we are not in charge of Board of Education space and we cannot rule over gym space, if basketball was given certain dates and times.

Mrs. LaMastra feels that no two cosponsored sports should be competing.

Mrs. Zaccario states that the Board of Education has to work around High School Sports and there is limited time available.

5. Mrs. McDermott informs the board that Bob Beutel is retiring and states that he has always helped our department and how much we appreciate him.

VIII. SPECIAL EVENTS:

1. Visit with Santa-December 18th 3:00-5:00 pm-.FYI
2. Super Bowl Cook Off- January 27th-7:00 pm-FYI

Mr. Silber motions to go into closed session, Mrs. Levinson seconds the motion, all in favor, the motion is carried.

Mr. Silber motions to return to open session, Mr. Reichel seconds the motion all in favor, the motion is carried.

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IX. ADJOURNMENT:9:10

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