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**TENAFLY RECREATION BOARD  
MINUTES – September 9, 2013**

**I. ROLL CALL:** Matthew Mercurio, Carol Roux, Naomi McDermott, Monica Zaccario, Nadia LaMastra, Steve Hamersma, Jeff Pattison, Edward Salaski, Amy Lerner, Sara Levinson, Robert Silber

**ABSENT:** David Reichel

**II. MINUTES:** July 15, 2013 **Mr. Hamersma motions to accept the minutes, Mr. Silber seconds the motion, all in favor the motion is carried.**

**III. AUDIENCE:**

Tom Giordano-12 George St-Mr. Giordano states that the lights on the Municipal Field are shining down and this makes it hard to see the softball when it is hit high there is a shadow from the lights. Mr. Giordano feels this is a safety concern and should be looked at by Musco. Mr. Giordano reports that Little League has replaced bulbs recently with more efficient ones.

Mr. Mercurio has contacted Musco a fine tuning could be done however it is not under warranty.

Mrs. LaMastra inquires if this is a recommended service.

Mrs. McDermott asks can we ask another town how often they have their lights checked.

Mr. Giordano states that the trees and branches in left center field are hanging and perhaps the DPW could trim them.

Mr. Mercurio states that the DPW has been notified

Mr. Giordano states that the ratio of residents/non- residents sets a balance in the league and that non- residents are needed to make the league viable and that when a travel team plays they are playing a whole team of non-residents.

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Email from Bertha Weil-Camp Drama Teacher-Mrs. Weil says thank you for the experience of teaching drama at camp.
2. Mr. Mercurio read camp feedback from parents there was very positive feedback. Some parents asked for more inside air conditioned time, which is something we cannot change.
3. Year round play in kids sports-Mr. Mercurio states this article is insight into the youth sports culture of playing all year round.
4. Email from Kohlas re: coed softball-An email from Bruce Pomeranz saying thank you for a great season.

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**V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

1. Summer Camp-Mr. Mercurio reports there were 400 kids in camp this year. The State conducted their inspection and we passed our license was renewed for the next three years. Mr. Mercurio states that we had new trips to Bounce, Bounce U we also offered a class in Magic. Mr. Mercurio states that David Berns the high school track and field coach would like to offer a clinic for ½ Day during camp next year.
2. Mens/Coed Softball-Mr. Mercurio reports Mens League Champions were Blimpies, No Names were the Coed winners. End of the season meetings will be held next month. Mr. Mercurio reports that 1/3 of the participants in the Mens League are residents and ¼ of the participants in the Coed League are residents. Mr. Silber feels that priority should be given to towns people if they want to use the field. If residents want to use the field we should make the field available. Mr. Mercurio states that this summer we were able to fill all requests. Mr. Mercurio asks how many nights are used. Mr. Mercurio states that Monday-Friday is used at the Municipal Field and that some games are played at Sunnyside Park. Thursday night adult soccer is played on the Municipal Field.  
Mr. Mercurio states that Coed Softball is played Monday-Thursday at the High School.  
Mrs. LaMastra states she feels that there should be at least 50% of residents per team.  
Mr. Mercurio states that 50% of each team is not feasible.  
Mrs. LaMastra states that town affiliation should be acceptable ie:working for town or Board of Education.  
Mr. Mercurio states that the Recreation Department will advertise to let residents know there are leagues.
3. Girls Softball/Storage-Mr. Mercurio reports that the softball group came to him regarding putting a storage near the Municipal Field. The Borough Administrator suggest that they speak to Little League and put one at the major league field. They also told Mr. Mercurio that they were having trouble getting field space from Board of Education. Mr. Mercurio is checking with United Soccer regarding free time at Sunnyside so they can use Sunnyside for Practices.
4. Football-Mr. Mercurio reports all new equipment was purchased and that there are 89 kids in program.  
Mr. Hamersma requests a copy of the league by-laws. Mr. Mercurio will get it to him.  
Mrs. Levinson states that the boosters have done a great job raising money.  
Mrs. Levinson states that the banners look great.  
Mrs. Levinson state that the shed in left field is in bad shape.  
Mrs. LaMastra states that the fee for football needs to be looked into  
Mrs. Levinson states that baseball has raised their fees also.

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5. Cheerleading-Mr. Mercurio reports Stephanie Pavlu, Nicole Arfmann our new coaches have started practices.
6. Skate Park-Mr. Mercurio reports that there have been many bikes reported in the skate park and that we have been receiving calls that they are a danger to young kids in the park. Young kids are being intimidated. Mr. Silber suggest that we have a monitor sit at the skate park for a month.
7. Registration Update-Mr. Mercurio reports that registration began today for all fall classes and that registration is good.
8. TJSL/In-Town-Mr. Mercurio asks that soccer and basketball remove recreation from their name and change it to in town, residents are confused as to who runs those two sports.  
Mrs. Levinson suggests that maybe the Recreation Department should change it's name to avoid a confusion with the other sports.  
Mr. Hamersma suggests that they put not affiliated with the Recreation Department.
9. Google Calendar-Mr. Mercurio states the calendar will be viewable, however you must have a Google email address to view it.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Cosponsorship Policy-Mr. Mercurio states that both soccer groups are getting by laws electronic and will post them on their website and will send a copy to the Recreation Department.  
Mrs. Levinson states that they should not have started their season without presenting them
2. By Laws for Recreation Sports-Mr. Mercurio states that he will write them for our sports
3. Lightning Detectors- Mr. Mercurio states that 90% are installed and that specifics will be decided once all are up and working. NJSIAA high school states that they should be set for ½ hour after the initial sound.  
Information will be in the newsletter, brochure etc.  
Mrs. LaMastra states that a drill should be held so the public knows the sound.  
Mr. Hamersma asks what the radius is.  
Mr. Mercurio states that the normal is 10-12 miles.  
Mrs. McDermott feels there should be a mandatory drill for sports prior to their season beginning.  
Mrs. Levinson states that the high school kids were trained.  
Mr. Hamersma asks if the council is going to impose fines

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Mrs. LaMastra states they are waiting for Recreation Board to make suggestions.

Mr. Mercurio feels the board should wait until everything is in place. Check with Cresskill on their policy.

Mrs. Levinson asks if Mr. Mercurio could put together a recommendation for next meeting.

Mrs. McDermott asks what will we be doing for training.

Mr. Hamersma suggests that flyers be handed out at Community Night stating that the lightning detectors are in place.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Lights on Geissinger Field-Mr. Mercurio reports that the lights were passed 6-1 vote.

Mr. Salaski states that the next step is to receive bids, installation is planned for the summer of 2014. The Board of Education states they will have ongoing conversations with residents, ie: more trees, policies etc.

2. Mr. Mercurio states that the basketball courts should be opened between September 20<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Hamersma inquires if there is any penalty that work was not done for several weeks.

Mrs. LaMastra states that the start and end times are in the bid papers.

3. Mr. Pattison asks if there is any update on soccer turf field. Mrs. Lamastra states that they are still getting bids

3. Mrs. Levinson asks how are we managing that people on community pass who register as residents are residents.

Mr. Pattison states that when you pay by credit card they verify your billing address.

Mrs. Levinson states that cosponsored sports need to print a roster and check that all participants are Tenafly Residents.

Mr. Mercurio will contact soccer that they need to check their rosters for Tenafly Residents.

**VIII. SPECIAL EVENTS:**

1. Community Night-September 17<sup>th</sup> -

**IX. ADJOURNMENT: 9:02 pm**

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