

Approved April 21, 2014

TENAFLY RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – March 10, 2014
Meeting called to order at 7:35

I. ROLL CALL: Matthew Mercurio, Carol Roux, Robert Silber, Jeff Pattison, Steve Hamersma, Michael Greeley, Sara Levinson, Sam Bruno-Board of Education Liaison, Amy Lerner-Alpine Liaison, Nadia LaMastra-Council Liaison
ABSENT: Monica Zaccario, David Reichel

II. MINUTES: February 10, 2014-**Mr. Hamersma motions to approve the minutes, Mr. Greely seconds the motion, all in favor the motions is carried.**

III. AUDIENCE:

Fred Robbins-Sunset Lane-Peaceful Common-Concerns regarding turf and lights
Mr. Silber states that the Board of Education and Recreation will do the best for everyone involved.

Mark Feldman Lylewood Drive-Board of Education is main handler, Recreation Will be secondary user. Will Recreation Board have say over Geissinger Field. How can residents have a say?

Mrs. Levinson states that the recreation board will not have say.

Mr. Mercurio states that this is the first shared service joint agreement with the Board of Education.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. BOE Meeting re: Geissinger Field Use-Mr. Mercurio reports a meeting will take place soon regarding usage for rec/co-sponsored sports
2. Site Supervisor Update-Mr. Mercurio reports he will be offering the position to an applicant tomorrow at 29 hours a week
3. Year End Report –Mr. Mercurio presents the year end report to the board, including field usage hours comparison over the past couple of years.
4. NJRPA Report-Mr. Mercurio reports he attended the convention and will report in April
5. Rick Wolff-Mr. Mercurio reports that Mr. Wolff is not available in April he may be available in September.
6. Lacrosse-Mr. Mercurio reports that clinic registration is ongoing. We reached out to colleges looking for coaches for high school level
7. Summer Camp-Mr. Mercurio reports applications ar coming back and trips and buses are secured.
8. Mens/Coed Softball-Mr. Mercurio reports a meeting is being held on Wednesday, March 12th.
9. Soccer Cage Update-Mr. Mercurio reports that everything has been delayed due to the weather, once the snow is clear it will take 3-4 weeks.
10. Safe @ Home-Mr. Mercurio reports there are 12 teams in the junior division and 8 in the senior division. The Key Club will be running the snack shack.

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11. Concussion Class-Mr. Mercurio reports the class was very informative. A discussion among the board pursued regarding concussions
12. Camp License-Mr. Mercurio reports that we are in the process of receiving our new license.
13. Summer Basketball/H.S.-Mr. Mercurio reports the high school coach Jeff Koehler would like to run a mini summer league on June 16th-19th he will contact Mr. Mercurio if he has teams interested.
14. Track & Field Program with HS-Mr. Mercurio reports Mr. Burns high school Track coach would like to run track and field clinics through camp then another week long camp after camp ends in August. This will have to wait until 2015 since the track will be closed this summer.
15. Football Helmet Reconditioning-Mr. Mercurio reports the reconditioning will be done soon to all helmets dated 2012-2013
16. High School Basketball Wrap-up-Mr. Mercurio reports that the season is over and it went very well the 3 point and foul shooting contests were very well received.
- 17 Spring/Summer program registration began today.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Geissinger Field –Mr. Bruno reports the light pole footings will be installed in April/May. Work will begin July 1st. August 21-22 is the date for completion barring unforeseen complications. Mr. Pattison asks regarding walking after lights go off, he suggests signage that after dark you walk at your own risk rather than closing track. Mr. Bruno states that no decision has been made regarding lights for walking. A discussion pursued.
2. Snack Shack Vent-Mr. Mercurio will get pricing on a vent.
3. Bike Donation-Mr. Mercurio reports that 14 Bikes were brought to Jersey City they will be donated through Recycle a Bicycle. 8 bicycles were given to Tenafly residents in need.
4. By-laws for Junior Football-Mr. Mercurio handed out changes suggested by Mr. Mercurio and Mrs. Levinson-A discussion took place on changes they feel are needed. Changes will be implemented into the by-laws and presented again in April.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mrs. Levinson states that Mr. Jaeger is resigning and asks how this affect the Recreation Department. Mr. Mercurio states that he will build a relationship with the new person.
2. Mrs. Levinson states that Sunnyside Park is covered in snow and asks Mr. Mercurio what his plan is to get it up and running for baseball. Mr. Mercurio states that we have to wait until the snow melts.
3. Mrs. Levinson states that Mrs. McDermott's offer to meet with those requesting scholarships was very nice however she feels it would be in the best interest to have someone on the board shadow her. Mrs. Levinson offers to be the person to sit in on the meetings
4. Mrs. Levinson feels that the challenger program league organizer should be acknowledged and thanked by the board. Mr. Silber states that Mr. Mercurio should suggest to the sports that they acknowledge the leaders in the program

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Mr. Pattison suggests a letter be sent from the board.

5. Mr. Hamersma inquires if there is any feedback on Softball-Mr. Mercurio states that registration is ongoing.
6. Mrs. Lerner inquires if there is a decline in baseball registration. Mr. Mercurio states that Mr. Bergman informed him that there is a decline.

VIII. SPECIAL EVENTS:

1. Bike Rodeo-April 5th-FYI
2. Easter Egg Hunt-April 19th-FYI
3. Safe @ Home May 16-18-FYI

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

Mr. Hamersma motions to go back into public session, Mr. Pattison seconds the motion, all in favor the motion is carried

IX. ADJOURNMENT: 9:20 pm

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

Submitted by:

Carol Roux