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**TENAFLY RECREATION BOARD**  
**MINUTES– June 9, 2014**  
**Meeting came to order at 7:31 pm**

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

**II. MINUTES:** May 12, 2014 **Mr. Greeley motions to approve the minutes, Mr. Hamersma seconds the motion, all in favor the motion is carried.**

**III. AUDIENCE:** Cathy Ix-71 West Mahan St.-Ms. Ix asked for the summer employment hiring process. Mr. Mercurio clarified the process.  
Mark Feldman 133 Lylewood Drive-Inquires about the final status on Geissinger Field Usage.  
Mr. Feldman states that he feels when the soccer cage was approved there should have been plans for elaborate landscaping to hide cage. Mrs. LaMastra will discuss this with the council.

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE:**

Safe @ Home- Mr. Mercurio shares emails from coaches from other towns praising the work to get the fields ready with a lot of rain.  
Thank you letters were sent to Dave Uglione and Vinnie Benanati who helped with fields and obtaining tarps for the tournament.

**V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

1. Summer Camp Updates-Mr. Mercurio reports that there are 350 kids registered and that this year we are required to do the most state paperwork ever. Mr. Bruno suggests we send out notices regarding traffic with work crews on Sunset Lane
2. Lacrosse/ Looking forward-Mr. Mercurio reports that this weekend will be the final clinic. Next year we will combine with Northern Valley Renegades until we build our program then we will go off on our own.
3. Men's/Coed Softball-Mr. Mercurio states that the season has started and will be in full force June 16<sup>th</sup>.
4. Sports Cage Update-Mr. Mercurio states that the cage is open and those with permits will have priority the cage is being opened in the morning and closed at dusk.  
Mrs. LaMastra states that the lights at the cage are moving ahead and are being reviewed by the engineer. Mr. Bruno suggests that a barrier be installed to prevent any cars from hitting into the cage.

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5. Football/Cheerleading Day-Mr. Mercurio reports that we sized players for uniforms and equipment as well as registered players and cheerleaders.
6. Football League Rules/Heads Up-Mr. Mercurio states that he attended the League meeting there are rule changes on the high school level that trickle down to the youth level. The League is now a member of Heads Up Football-making football safer, concussion, hydration, equipment etc.
7. Athletic Trainers/Baseline Testing-Mr. Mercurio states that we will be hiring athletic trainers from S.D. Game Day for our football games this season.
8. Field Coordination Meeting-Mr. Mercurio will meet with the new A.D. and all perspective fall permit holders. Mr. Bruno states that construction will begin July 1<sup>st</sup> on Geissinger Field. Lights will be tested on approximately July 21<sup>st</sup>. The Turf should be done the end of August.
9. Lightning Detection-Mr. Mercurio states there was a problem with the detector at Sunnyside and the unit was replaced.
10. Sponsorship Signage-Mr. Mercurio attended the Mayor and Council work session regarding banners on the Municipal Field Fence and we will offer the opportunity to Junior Soccer & football in Fall and Softball and Travel Soccer in the Spring all signs need to be approved by the Recreation Department.
11. NRPA Directors School-Mr. Mercurio applied and was accepted. This is a one week school in West Virginia. **Mrs. Zaccario motions that the board supports Mr. Mercurio attending and would like the Borough to pay the cost and if the borough does not pay then the money can be taken out of the Recreation Trust Funds. Mr. Hamersma seconds the motion, Mr. Greeley abstains the motion is carried.**

#### VI. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Geissinger Field-Mr. Mercurio states that the letter from the board to the Board of Education was received, Mrs. Trager states that any suggestions will be considered. The Risk Manager will look over the lights.
2. Football By-Laws-Mr. Mercurio handed out a draft and the board will vote next month.
3. Basketball Courts-Mr. Mercurio states that patch work was done and the engineer will look over the work.
4. Lightening Detection Enforcement-Mr. Mercurio spoke to Chief Chamberlain and he stated that the police check the fields when they are patrolling.
5. Rick Wolff follow-up-Mr. Mercurio is waiting to hear from Mr. Wolff two possible dates are October 2<sup>nd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>
6. Community Night Invitees-Mr. Mercurio states that we will invite cosponsored sports to attend in the same respect as other participants.
7. Mr. Bruno questions the Recreation Board;s letter to the Board of Education and Mayor and Council regarding the Geissinger Field and track.
8. Mrs. LaMastra inquires about the baseball incident. Mr. Mercurio states that baseball has disciplined the father and the report is on file.

#### VII. NEW BUSINESS:

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1. Mr. Mercurio states that senior level parents/coaches are requesting the Recreation Department pay a coach for the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade football team. Mr. Hamersma suggests that the boosters be asked to pay the fee.  
**Mr. Reichel motion to hire a coach as a pilot program being paid by the boosters if not then funded through the Recreation Department, Mr. Greeley seconds the motion, Mr. Hamersma opposes, Mrs. Zaccario abstains, the motion is carried**
2. Mrs. Zaccario states that she saw a girl rollerblading on tennis courts. Mr. Mercurio states that our site supervisor patrols the facilities. Mrs. Zaccario states that two people spoke to her regarding the coed volleyball referee. Mr. Mercurio has spoken to the referee.
3. Mr. Hamersma states that he was told that 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls softball team only played 2 games. Mr. Hamersma stated that he heard softball wanted Recreation to pay for the end of the season program. Mr. Mercurio confirmed this request.

**VIII. SPECIAL EVENTS:**

1. Fourth of July Celebration-FYI
2. Community Night September 16th

**IX. ADJOURNMENT: 8:55 pm**  
**Mrs. Zaccario motions to adjourn, Mr. Hamersma seconds the motion, all in favor the motion is carried.**

Submitted by:  
Carol Roux