

Approved December 14, 2015

**TENAFLY RECREATION BOARD**  
**Minutes October 19, 2015**  
**Called to order at 7:33 pm**

**I. ROLL CALL:** Matthew Mercurio, Carol Roux, Steve Hamersma, Michael Greeley, Sara Levinson, David Reichel, Amy Lerner-Alpine Liaison, Nadia LaMastra, Stephanie Addison Fontaine-Board of Education Liaison, Michele Merchant,  
**ABSENT:** Monica Zaccario, Robert Silber,

**II. MINUTES:** June 8, 2015 Mr. Reichel motions to accept the minutes, Ms. Merchant seconds the motion, all in favor the motion is carried.

**III. CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Co-Sponsored Sports Pre Season Reports-Written-Mr. Mercurio went over the reports from TJSL, Tenafly Softball, Tenafly United Soccer and Tenafly Lions Little League

**IV. AUDIENCE:**

**V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

1. Reckys Summer Camp-Mr. Mercurio reports camp was at full capacity and went well. We had our State Inspection this year both camps passed. 2016 camp is being planned.
2. Community Night-Mr. Greeley reports that the night was very successful and there were more participants.
3. Football/Cheerleading-Mr. Mercurio reports all teams are playing hard there is a total of 73 players and 18 cheerleaders. This year only coaches and players are allowed on the field also new bleachers are being ordered.
4. Wrestling-Mr. Mercurio reports flyers have been sent to the schools. Dan Barzelatto will be coaching again.
5. Mens/Coed Softball Wrap up-Mr. Mercurio reports that Sarges won Mens League and No B.S. won Coed League.
6. New Program-Chef It Up-Mr. Mercurio reports that this class did not go due to low enrollment.
7. Fall Programs-Mr. Mercurio reports that programs started in early October and are ending in early December.
8. Fall Lacrosse-Mr. Mercurio reports 84 boys are registered for the clinic in grades K-8.  
Mr. Reichel reports that the program is run on Sundays broken up K-2, 3-5 and then 6-8 the program is being run by the high school coach along with high school

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players. Mr. Reichel states that on Wednesday nights there are pick up games in the Tiger Cage.

9. Prince/Princess Dance-Mr. Mercurio reports that we will be holding a dance for preschoolers and parent on April 7, 2016. A discussion took place with some ideas for a mother/son event.

10. Valentines Dance-Mr. Mercurio reports that we will once again hold our successful Father/Daughter Valentines Dance on February 11, 2016

11. High School Basketball-Mr. Mercurio reports the league will be held Monday/Wednesday nights in the winter.

12. Spring Field Usage-Mr. Mercurio reports meeting will be held in November.

13. Tennis Lights-Mr. Mercurio reports that the DPW will be installing new lights in the Spring.

14. Gingerbread House Workshop-Mr. Mercurio reports that we will be offering a one day workshop through Abrakadoodle on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

15. Jr. Soccer-High School Level-Cage-Mr. Mercurio reports that Junior Soccer has been holding pickup games for high school students who are not on the high school teams.

#### **VI. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Open Space Committee-Mrs. LaMastra reports that the Open Space Committee has not met in a few months, this is on hold until the situation at 53 Knickerbocker Road is settled.
2. Adult Soccer-Municipal Field permit for Sunday afternoons in the winter.

#### **VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Mr. Hamersma inquires who is using the Tiger Cage in the afternoons, Mr. Mercurio states that Tenaflly United uses it.
2. Mr. Hamersma inquires if people are allowed to walk the track during a recreation event. Mr. Mercurio states he will ask at the joint usage meeting whether it pertains to recreation program. Mr. Hamersma feels for a safety issue it should be closed whenever a sport is being played on the field. A discussion ensued.  
Ms. Addison Fontaine will speak to the Board of Education regarding this policy and report back in November.  
Mr. Hamersma states that there are 3 divisions in football program, a parent came to him stating that at the Old Tappan game it was very cold and ponchos were brought by a Tenaflly Coach for only 1 division. Mr. Mercurio will check into this.
3. Mrs. Lerner asks when the turf will be replaced. Mr. Mercurio states that the decision is up to the Mayor & Council. Ms. Merchant suggest the board drafts a letter in support. Mrs. Lerner inquires about a girls Lacrosse program Mr. Mercurio reports that he is working on the program. Mrs. Lerner asks if there are any issues with the Tiger Cage residents vs non-residents. Mr. Mercurio reports there have been no major issues since there are so many permitted activities.

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4. Mrs. Levinson states that the in town fees for cosponsored sports are rising, basketballs program fee is very expensive for the in town program, they are raising the fee so the participants can have nicer jerseys, etc. Would like the board to speak to the co-sponsored sports about keeping fees reasonable for in town programs. Mrs. Levinson feels that basketball should not hold tryouts during football season. Mrs. Levinson states that her son has football practice from 5:45-7:45 and then has tryouts from 8:00-9:00 pm on the same day. Mr. Reichel suggests that Mrs. Levinson speak to the football coach and assures her that he will understand. Mr. Mercurio states that the coaches from both sports should speak. Mr. Mercurio will follow up on this matter.

**VIII. SPECIAL EVENTS: FYI**

1. Halloween Celebration-Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>- 3:00 pm
2. Visit with Santa-Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> -3:30-5:30 pm
3. Valentines Dance-Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>-6:00-8:00 pm
4. Egg Hunt-Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>-1:00 pm
5. Prince/Princess Dance, April 7<sup>th</sup>-5:30-7:30 pm

**IX. ADJOURNMENT: 9:15 pm**

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