

Approved April 13, 2015

**TENAFLY RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – February 23, 2015
Called to order 7:30 pm**

I. ROLL CALL: Matthew Mercurio, Carol Roux, Robert Silber, Michael Greeley, Steven Hamersma, Monica Zaccario, David Reichel, Nadia LaMastra-Council Liaison, Michele Merchant

ABSENT: Sara Levinson, Sam Bruno-Board of Education Liaison, Amy Lerner-Alpine Liaison

II. MINUTES: January 12, 2015 **Mr. Hamersma motions to accept the minutes, Mrs. Zaccario seconds, all in favor the motion is carried.**

III. CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Silber states that he was told by a resident whose son is in our wrestling program that the program is great and that Dan Barzelatto the coach is wonderful.

IV. AUDIENCE:

1. Boxing Proposal-Al Artola- Ace Boxing r had a gym in the basement of CVS and had to leave due to rent hike. They train amateur boxers, young boys, girls and police officers
Mr. Artola asked the board for a 1500 sq. foot facility to run his gym.
Matthew Bucceri- Mr. Bucceri is an East Rutherford Police Officer who states that he worked out at the gym.
Mr. Greely states that he feels there is a benefit to the gym and perhaps we can advertise for them once they obtain a facility as we do not have a space available.
Edna Kominsky-Mrs. Kominsky asks if a space becomes available in Tenafly could a program be sponsored through recreation.
Mr. Silbers states that that would be possible.

2. Soccer Training Proposal-Cheng Lim-Best11Soccer-This program would teach soccer technical, strength and conditioning training. The program would run March 21-May 23 on Saturdays 9-11:30 in the Soccer Cage. Mr. Lim states the cage is the best place since it is a self contained space. Mr. Lim states that there will be no more than 18 kids per class.

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V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. H. S. Basketball League 2015-Mr. Mercurio reports playoffs start Wednesday the championship will be held on Monday, March 2nd.

2. Wrestling-Mr. Mercurio reports that he received 20-25 compliments from parents stating what a great job Coach Barzelatto has done. Mr. Mercurio states the program has been a huge success this year 95 percent due to the coach. The end of the season awards dinner is scheduled for March 4th 6-8 at the Elks

3. Lacrosse-Mr. Mercurio reports ½ of kids registered are Tenaflly Residents 3rd and 4th are mostly from Tenaflly. Mr. Mercurio reports that this Spring girls will have clinics beginning April 19th with Extreme Lacrosse, next year hopefully there will be teams for girls

4. Summer Camp-Mr. Mercurio reports 290 kids registered all except 2 trips are full, we have started interviewing counselor applicants. Mr. Mercurio states that in his budget meeting he asked that the camp director and assistant director's salaries be reallocated.

Ms. Merchant motions that the board write a letter to the Mayor and Council asking to reallocate salaries as they are presently constituted this can negatively impact the services that camp provides to campers. Mr. Greeley seconds, all in favor, the motion is carried

5. Safe @ Home-Mr. Mercurio reports we currently have 7 teams in the 12U division and, 6 teams in the 14U division. Tenaflly will have a 12U team and possibly a 14U team.

6. Father/Daughter Dance-Mr. Mercurio reports 250 people were in attendance which is the maximum capacity for the cafeteria in the high school. Everyone had a wonderful time the night was a big success.

7. Mr. Mercurio states that he currently has 8 applications for the Site Supervisor position and will begin interviews this week

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Spring Field Meeting-Mr. Mercurio states the meeting went well everyone is happy

2. Tiger Cage Lights-Mr. Mercurio states the tennis and basketball lights go off at 10 pm, Mr. Mercurio recommends that the cage be treated the same.

Mrs. Zaccario motions to support the cage lights being treat the same as the tennis and basketball courts, Mr. Reichel seconds all in favor, the motion is carried.

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VII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Mercurio asks the board for a volunteer to sit on the Open Space for Recreation and Historical Usage Committee-Mr. Greeley volunteers
2. Mr. Reichel informs the board that a 3rd grade travel basketball team played a scrimmage at half time of a high school basketball game. This was great. Mr. Reichel states that it would be nice to have other sports do it also.
3. Mr. Mercurio states that it was brought up at his budget meeting that the borough should offer CPR certification for all coaches.
The board feels that we should reach out to co-sponsored sports and make it voluntary.
Mr. Mercurio will get pricing for Mrs. LaMastra
4. Boxing Proposal-The Recreation Board states after a discussion that they will support running a class if they find a space
5. Soccer Proposal-Mr. Mercurio states that the cage is available during this time and that as with all recreation programs there would have to be 50% Tenafly Residents enrolled.
A vote was taken and five members were in favor with one member abstaining.
Ms. Merchant suggests that Mr. Mercurio contact the soccer leagues in town and let them know we will be offering this program

VIII. SPECIAL EVENTS: FYI

1. NJRPA Conference-March 8-11-
2. Egg Hunt-April 4-1:00 start
3. Bike Rodeo-April 25-10:30-12:30
4. Safe @ Home Softball Tournament-May 15-17
5. Reckys Camp June 25-July31
6. July 4th Celebration-July 4 (raindate July 5th)
7. Community Night-September 8 (raindate September 10)
8. Fireworks July 2nd raindate July 6th

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

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

IX. ADJOURNMENT: 9:10 pm

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

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Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Roux