

Approved May 11, 2015

**TENAFLY RECREATION BOARD**  
**MINUTES April 13, 2015**  
**Called to order at 7:30 pm**

- I. ROLL CALL:** Matthew Mercurio, Sara Levinson, Robert Silber, Amy Lerner-Alpine Liaison, Steve Hamersma, David Reichel, Nadia LaMastra, Michelle Merchant  
**ABSENT:** Carol Roux, Monica Zaccario, Sam Bruno-Board of Education Liaison, Mike Greeley
- II. MINUTES:** February 23, 2015 & March 16, 2015 **Mr. Hamersma motions to accept the minutes, Mr. Reichel seconds, all in favor, the motion is carried**
- III. CORRESPONDENCE**
- IV. AUDIENCE:**
- V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**
1. H. S. Basketball League 2015-Mr. Mercurio reports the winter league went well. The Summer League currently has commitments from Tenaflly, Palisade Park, Old Tappan and Cresskill boys teams.  
Mrs. Levinson feels we should have something for the girls, Mr. Mercurio will contact the high school girls coach
  2. Wrestling-Mr. Mercurio reports that the season went well, there are 8-10 boys doing off season training
  3. Lacrosse-Mr. Mercurio reports that there are 115 kids in the program and 56 are from Tenaflly and/or Alpine  
Mrs. Levinson asks if baseball/softball numbers are down. Mr. Mercurio states that those numbers are down a little. Mrs. Levinson suggests that Mr. Mercurio do an analysis on how Lacrosse is affecting baseball. Mr. Mercurio feels that it is up to the parents and children which sport they play.  
Mr. Silber states that it is recreations goal to give as many opportunities as there is a demand.  
Mr. Reichel states that he worked with travel baseball to schedule Lacrosse around them
  4. Summer Camp-Mr. Mercurio reports that there are 350 kids registered and all but 2 trips filled, there were no scholarship requests
  5. Safe @ Home-Mr. Mercurio reports that the tournament will be held on May 15-17 we have 9 teams in each division
  6. Egg Hunt-Mr. Mercurio reports everything went well, a separate hunt for kids 3 and under was held in a different area.

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7. Open Space Committee-Mr. Mercurio reports the committee met in March. This was an introduction meeting with representatives from recreation, open space, HPC and the council. There is a trust fund and the Open Space Committee will discuss how to spend the funds.  
Mrs. LaMastra states that this was a great first meeting, it was a brainstorming session, they spoke about available land,  
The committee will prioritize a list of how to spend the money and give the list to the council. The council has been looking at the two pools in town and if there is a need for both. They may open a discussion regarding sharing pool services with Alpine and Cresskill.
8. Financial Disclosure Forms-Mr. Mercurio reminds the board that this was sent by the Borough Clerk
9. Program Updates-Mr. Mercurio states that classes started Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, The new class Best 11 Soccer is a success, one class is full the other is close to being filled.
10. ROID Grant—Mr. Mercurio states that this is a Recreation Opportunity for Individuals with Disabilities. Mr. Mercurio along with the Borough Administrator will apply for this grant.
11. NJRPA-Mr. Mercurio reports he went to the conference and concussions are still the main topic a lawyer spoke and reports that a note from a doctor should be required before a child can return to play.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. CPR Class-Mr. Mercurio states that we will offer class later in the year for coaches at a discounted price.
2. Mr. Silber inquires about the maintenance at the Tiger Cage-Mr. Mercurio states that field turf will come out and fix the turf these repairs are under warranty and then the fence will be repaired, The lights are online and all set. Mr.Reichel states that he has kids coming to the cage for Lacrosse practices/pick up games. A discussion ensued regarding non residents using the cage.  
Mr. Reichel states that a group was in the cage and he told them he had a permit and they left with no issue.  
Mr. Mercurio states there is signage that the cage is for Tenafly Residents Only.  
A discussion took place regarding policing the cage.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Mrs. Levinson feels that the co-sponsored sports should come in person to give reports. Mr. Mercurio reports that the policy states preseason is written reports and end of season is in person

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2. Mr. Hamersma asks why the Recreation Department is sending email blasts regarding registration for softball if we do not run it. Mr. Hamersma also states that he heard that the program may come back to softball  
Mr. Mercurio states that he heard the original group is not involved any longer and the new group may not be able to do it for the long run.  
Mr. Silber states that softball is under Little League  
Mr. Mercurio states that they on their own have their own insurance  
Discussion ensued  
Michelle Merchant believes that the board is strong, and softball is independent. The Recreation Board asks that a member from softball come with a midseason report to have a discussion regarding Little League and the decline in numbers.  
Michelle Merchant will pass this on to the Softball Board.
- 3, David Reichel-with lacrosse at Geissinger all day Saturday why is the Snack Shack not opened, Matt that belongs to the Board of Education.  
David will notify baseball they may want to open their concession stand on Saturdays.

**VIII. SPECIAL EVENTS: FYI**

1. Bike Rodeo-April 25-10:30-12:30
2. Safe @ Home Softball Tournament-May 15-17
3. Reckys Camp June 25-July31
4. July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration-July 4 (raindate July 5<sup>th</sup>)
5. Community Night-September 8 (raindate September 10)

**IX. ADJOURNMENT: 8:43 pm**

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

Submitted by:

Carol Roux