

Approved October 19, 2016

**TENAFLY RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES JUNE 8, 2015
Called to Order at 7:30 pm**

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

II. MINUTES: May 11, 2015 **Mr. Hamersma motions to accept the minutes, Mr. Reichel seconds the motion, all in favor the motions is carried.**

III. CORRESPONDENCE:

IV. AUDIENCE:

TJSL COACHES-Mike Horbacewicz-Tenafly-(20 coaches were present.) states that the mens soccer is growing. Coaches league was formed 6 years ago and now consists of coaches and former coaches and friends under Tenafly Junior Soccer. The group is requesting field space for two nights a week on the Municipal Field. The group was given 13 nights on the Municipal Field and 8 nights on grass lighted field behind the high school, due to mens softball being on the municipal field.

Mr. Mercurio inquired with the Board of Education regarding policy of adults playing on Geissinger and was told there is no policy. Recreation has 60 hours a week for usage on Geissinger Field. Mr. Mercurio put in a permit for Geissinger Field for the adults and has not heard from them. Mr. Mercurio was told the Board of Education needs to make this decision. Mr. Horbacewicz and his group will go to a Board of Education meeting with their request. Mr. Horbacewicz feels there needs to be a policy regarding programs with a majority of residents vs non residents. Mr. Horbacewicz feels that the mens softball may need to have less teams eliminating teams with no residents.

Mr. Silber states that he hears the concerns.

Brian Quinzel-Tenafly-states that the program has been growing over the past 6 years.

Ari Naim states that the grass field is more dangerous for adults, and feels that there should be better balance between softball and soccer usage on the Municipal Field.

Mr. Mercurio states he is doing his best to schedule with the fields he has.

Mr. Quiroga what is the field usage numbers and how is it decided.

Mr. Mercurio states that there is a meeting before each season.

Ray Murphy-Tenafly-inquires what is the Status of using Geissinger,

Mr. Mercurio states that he spoke to the mayor and the mayor will contact Ms. Traeger and Mr. Horbacewicz will also.

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Mrs. LaMastra will bring this to the Mayor and Council at the meeting tomorrow and ask the Borough Attorney to speak to the Board of Education.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. Lacrosse-Mr. Reichel states that the 3rd /4th grade level had a huge turnout the 4th grade team won the tournament and the 3rd grade team won 2 games yesterday.
Both age groups enjoyed the program.
Mr. Silbe asks if there is any improvements needed. Mr. Reichel states there will be a fall program that will be 2 days a week 1 day of instructions by the high school coach, the 2nd day will be pick up games at the cage with coaches.
2. Summer Camp-Mr. Mercurio reports we are full with 400 kids, staff is hired.
3. Self Defense-Mr. Mercurio reports there were 24 participants in the Spring class, and we had 32 participants in the Winter
4. Fall Field Meeting-Mr. Mercurio reports he will be attending the fall meeting soon;
5. Football/Cheerleading/Football Day-Mr. Mercurio reports the program went well and there were 12-15 registrations on Football Day, equipment hand out is June 16 & 18 for those who are registered. The recreation department has purchased a new scoreboard, it will be put up in the next few weeks. **Mrs. Merchant motions to allow co sponsored groups to use the scoreboard, a waiver will be signed and if the controller is not returned a fee will be charged, Mrs. Levinson seconds, all in favor, motion is carried.**
6. Meeting Date Change-July 20th-If there is nothing pressing there will be no meeting
7. Adult Softball-Mr. Mercurio reports there are 5 coed teams and 8 mens league teams so far there were 4 rainouts for coed.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Open Space Committee-Mrs. LaMastra reports the committee is breaking into two committees 1 to purchase space, 1 committee to check out recreation centers. The Borough Engineer spoke about using one of the swim clubs. A need assessments will be done. A group of residents are requesting the town purchase 53 Knickerbocker Road.
2. Safe @ Home/Coaches Feedback-Mr. Mercurio shares emails from coaches who participated in the tournament. 12U winner Sparta, 14U winner Teaneck.
3. Mrs. Levinson inquires regarding a booster club for Lacrosse, Mr. Mercurio states he will reach out to parents.
4. Mr. Mercurio missing pieces from TYB will be emailed to members.

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VII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Adult Soccer-Mrs. LaMastra feels we need our fair amount of time on Geissinger Field, there was never a discussion regarding adult/child program. A discussion ensued, the board feels that the group plays all year on the Municipal Field and that the grass field is playable. Mr. Mercurio will come up with suggestions for a pecking order, ratio of residents/non residents after surveying how other towns run their programs.
2. Mrs. Levinson states that travel soccer has a rule that you must live in Tenafly and asks if there is a policy that board members must live in Tenafly. Mr. Silber feels that we should not turn people away if they want to volunteer on a board.
3. Mrs. Levinson asks for a list of the football booster members.
4. Mrs. Levinson asks if there was a plan to put a permanent 2nd backstop on the Municipal Field. Mr. Mercurio states when the fence is redone we will and right now there is a pop up one that softball uses.

VIII. SPECIAL EVENTS: FYI

1. Reckys Camp June 25-July31
2. July 4th Celebration-July 4 (raindate July 5th)
3. Community Night-September 8 (raindate September 10)

IX. ADJOURNMENT: 8:58 pm

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

Submitted by:

Carol Roux