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**TENAFLY RECREATION BOARD**  
**AGENDA JUNE 13, 2016**  
**Meeting called to order: 7:35 am**

**I. ROLL CALL:** Matthew Mercurio, Carol Roux, John Finnerty, Mark Zinna-Council Liaison, Ed Salaski-Board of Education Liaison, Robert Silber, David Reichel, Amy Lerner-Alpine Liaison, Sara Levinson, Michael Greeley  
**ABSENT:** Nadine Shubailat, Michelle Merchant

**II. MINUTES:** May 9, 2016-Mr. Finnerty motions to approve the revised minutes, Mrs. Levinson seconds, all in favor, the motion is carried.

**III. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**IV. AUDIENCE:**

Mike Horbacewicz-Tenafly-Mr. Horbacewicz thanked the board for the time on the fields for the adult players. Mr. Horbacewicz states that there is an issue at the Tiger Cage with people who will not leave the field.

Mr. Horbacewicz asks if there are plans to fix the Municipal Field it is getting very hard. Mr. Mercurio states that the field is 12 years old and that he has placed it in the budget the past couple of years, however it has been denied by the Mayor and Council.

Mr. Greeley asks if the field can have maintenance done.

Mr. Mercurio states that the Mayor and Council has approved money in the budget to “fluff” the field this gives you approximately 3 months.

Mr. Mercurio states the machine we have is not very good, Mrs. Levinson states that we should sell the machine if it doesn’t work and use the money to buy a new machine. Mr. Mercurio states that this is just a broom for the back of a groomer. Mrs. Levinson states we should sell it anyway.

Mr. Horbacewicz states that the goals on the Municipal Field are in bad shape.

Tenafly United Soccer and Tenafly Junior Soccer will be purchasing new goals.

Mr. Horbacewicz feels that the other groups who use the fields should be charged to use the goals.

Mrs. Lerner states that there are issues at the Tiger Cage for young kids also.

Mr. Mercurio states that he will have the site supervisor police the cage.

Mr. Horbacewicz suggests that badges may be needed, Mr. Finnerty agrees.

**V. DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

1. Reckys Summer Camp-Mr. Mercurio reports that there are 400 campers signed up and there are still about 25 on the waitlist. Mr. Mercurio states that we were able to allow approximately 30-35 camper from the waitlist to register due

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to people dropping out. We have 100 campers who have ordered lunch this year this is 25% of the camp, Mr. Mercurio feels that this is a great number for the 1<sup>st</sup> year. Mr. Mercurio states that staff will report on Friday, June 24 for orientation and camp starts on June 27.

Mrs. Levinson inquires how many of our staff members are Tenaflly residents, Mr. Mercurio states that 85% are residents. Mrs. Levinson asks if we over hire, Mr. Mercurio states we hire more than the state requires.

2. Lacrosse-Mr. Mercurio reports that the season is complete and we are already planning for the Fall with boys and girls clinics run by the high school varsity coaches and volunteers. Mr. Reichel states that he feels the numbers are going to sky rocket. Mrs. Levinson asks if anything has been done to secure a booster club and that she feels Michele Goldberg would be a good booster parent.

Mr. Silber asks if we will have a problem filling teams with only Tenaflly kids, Mr. Reichel states there will be no problem.

A discussion ensued.

3. Jr. Football-Mr. Mercurio reports we hit our numbers, our senior team has 19 registered which is the same amount as 2015 and the junior team has 30 which is also the same as last year. Our pee wee team only has 7 registered players, we had 22 players on pee wee last year. We hope more pee wees sign up; however it is not looking promising. If the number on pee wee does not increase we will ask the 4<sup>th</sup> graders if they want to practice and do a developmental program with the junior team and have the 3rd grader play in a flag atmosphere. We fit players for jerseys, pants and sweatshirts today and will do it again on Wednesday. Mrs. Levinson asks if we can offer 4<sup>th</sup> graders flag also. Mr. Mercurio state the 4<sup>th</sup> graders want to play tackle. Mr. Reichel states there is a league at Overpeck Park that the players could go to.

4. Outdoor High School Basketball-Mr. Mercurio states that the league will take place this week on the outside courts. The teams are: Tenaflly, Cresskill, Ft Lee, Saddle River Day, Leonia, Emerson, Cliffside Park. Single elimination on Friday with Championship Game on Friday. Mr. Reichel states that he feels we should do an adult league in the Summer.

5. Safe @ Home-Mr. Mercurio states that the tournament was great the weather held out. Mr. Mercurio states that tarping the fields ahead of time was perfect. The 14 U Championship was played between Bloomfield and Sparta, with Sparta winning and the 12U game was Tenaflly vs Lincoln Park with Lincoln Park winning. Tenaflly 14U team dropped out the week before the tournament.

6. Fall Field Meeting-Mr. Mercurio states that a meeting was held last week with all fall sports groups to discuss and hash out usage. Everything worked out well.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. A.D.H.O.C. Committee-Mr. Zinna states that they have visited 3 sites now the committee will put a recommendation report together including an analysis of cost who will pay for the facility and who will use it. The report will come to the Recreation Board and the Mayor & Council. The next step will be to give it to the engineer and await his report. The report will then come back to the Recreation Board to hash out what the board wants, and who will manage the structure. The next step will be to have public meetings to see if there is support.

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2. Team Snap-Mr. Mercurio reports that he had a conference call with a representative from Team Snap and T.Y.B. T.Y.B. will be going this route for registration. We are still getting further details regarding the registration aspect. Mr. Mercurio reports that at this time Team Snap is getting ready to change who they use for online authorization. Mr. Mercurio states we will be getting sports scheduling, team management information for our sports. Mrs. Levinson asks what the cost would be. Mr. Mercurio states it would be approximately \$50 per team. A discussion ensued.
3. Marketing-Mr. Mercurio states that he will be giving the members a copy of the 12 page brochure and the 8 page brochure for feedback.
4. New Program Offerings-Mr. Mercurio states new program ideas were brought to the board at the May meeting by some member and that he is still looking into these. Mr. Mercurio called regarding horseback riding at Overpeck Park and we can suggest kids go there. Bowling, Ice Skating the places will allocate a time slot for the town. Mr. Mercurio spoke to Mr. Bazzini regarding a kids fitness class, he will give in a proposal for Winter or Spring
5. Mrs. Levinson asks for an update on the motion made last month to support soccer in looking to other towns to field a teams on the 15U level. Mr. Salaski said the board reached out to Cresskill and the coach in Cresskill was not willing to have his 2 girls play unless he was in a leadership role, by being the head coach. Tenafly United Soccer did not accept these terms.  
Tenafly has 11 players, and 3 of the oldest girls from the younger team will play up making 14 girls. Mrs. Lerner inquires the status of the U15 boys team, Mr. Salaski states there was no issue.
6. Mr. Greeley states that the Tiger Cage gate needs repair and the fencing at the goals need repair also, the fence there is not strong enough.  
Mrs. Levinson asks Mr. Mercurio to find out the cost to replace the fence and that he should put it in our budget.  
Mr. Reichel suggest that we should reinforce these areas.

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

1. Mrs. Levinson asks what is the status of football boosters. Mr. Mercurio will confirm that it is Sharon Kurtz.

#### **VIII. SPECIAL EVENTS:**

1. Independence Day Celebration-July 2<sup>nd</sup> 10-3  
Rain date July 3rd

#### **IX. ADJOURNMENT: 8:35 pm**

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