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**TENAFLY RECREATION BOARD  
MINUTES – OCTOBER 17, 2011**

**I. ROLL CALL:** Chair Naomi McDermott, Vice Chair Rich Rodriguez, Peter Fidler, Monica Zaccario, Jeff Pattison, Steve Hamersma, Carol Roux, Nadia LaMastra, Council Liaison Sam Bruno, Board of Education Liaison, Daniella DiStaulo, Alpine Liaison

**ABSENT:** Tom Swift

September 12, 2011 minutes. **Mr. Hamersma motions to accept the minutes Mr. Fidler seconds the motion. All in favor and the motion is carried.**

**II. AUDIENCE:**

1. Mike Horbacewicz-TJSL President presented the preseason report-Red Bull/Ashley Camp this summer was a success as was the Red Bull Family Night. Recreation soccer currently has 853 participants and approximately 150 coaches. The challenger program has 22 children participating and over 30 volunteers. **Mr. Fidler thanks Mr. Horbacewicz and soccer for their patience with scheduling field space and working with football on sharing the Municipal Field.**
2. Louis Santangelo-115 Columbus Drive, Tenafly-Mrs. Santangelo is a Life Coach who would like to hold a class through Tenafly Recreation. The class would be a self help workshop to help woman create balance in their lives, it would be a discussion group. **Mr. Hamersma motions to deny the request for a new class, stating this does not fit with the kind of classes offered by recreation, Mr. Pattison seconds the motion, Mr. Rodriguez abstains, the motion is carried.**
3. Richard Schiffman-123 Serpentine Road, Tenafly-Mr. Schiffman asks the recreation board to approve the hire of a professional coach for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys travel basketball team. Mr. Schiffman states that the parents of these boys are willing to manage the team but states that the boys need a professional coach to prepare them for high school basketball. Mr. Schiffman stated that the parents are willing to pay for the coach.

Karen Kaufmann-12 Bennington Court, Tenafly-Mrs. Kaufmann states that her husband has coached these boys for the past 4 years and he agrees that a professional coach should be considered this year.

Mrs. Bengal-18 Sussex Road, Tenafly-Mrs. Bengal feels that a professional coach is needed for the boys to advance.

David Brisman-50 Glenwood Road, Tenafly-Mr. Brisman agrees that a Professional coach will advance the skills of the players.

**Mr. Hamersma feels that if this is allowed for one team it will escalate to other teams and other sports under recreation. Mr. Fidler states that Mr. Favorito only coached one team and the other teams were all coached by volunteers. Mr. Pattison feels that parent coaches can turn children off of a sport. The recreation board will check into offering**

**a stipend to a coach.**

4. Barry Honig-151 Deerfield Drive, Tenaflly-Mr. Honig feels that the town is in need of new field space and would like to work with the recreation board to locate space. **Mr. Bruno states that Geissinger Field is the prime field in town and that the town should look into putting turf on that field rather than looking to acquire new field space. Mr. Fidler states that a study of open space was done several years ago and it was decided that there is no space available for acquisition and that refurbishing existing fields is the only option. Mr. Rodriquez inquired about the swim club property. Mrs. McDermott state that the swim clubs have a 99 year lease.**

Mayor Peter Rustin states that he agrees with Mr. Bruno that Geissinger Field needs to be turfed, he states that the subsurface is in good condition and would not require extra work to prepare it. Mr. Rustin states that lights should be included.

### **III. CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Mr. Tenn Lu's proposal for an adult art class. **Mr. Pattison motions to accept the proposal, Mr. Fidler seconds the motion, all in favor the motion is carried.**
2. Emails from Matt McSherry and Gary Puckhaber's regarding junior football. **The recreation board acknowledges both emails.**

### **IV. ASST. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

1. Mrs. Roux asks the recreation board what the procedure will be for background checks after the initial fingerprinting has been completed. **Mrs. LaMastra will discuss this with the council and report back to the board.**
2. Mrs. Roux reports that there a many fingerprint forms that have not been returned and informs the board that the Kanka Foundation will be charging \$11.00 for each form not returned. **Mr. Pattison motions that an invoice be sent to each league for the amount owed for their coaches, and no permits will be approved until payment is made, Mr. Rodriquez seconds the motion all in favor, the motion is carried.**
3. Mrs. Roux informs the recreation board that the town wide Halloween Celebration will take place on October 29<sup>th</sup> and asks for volunteer judges. **Mrs. McDermott and Mrs. LaMastra volunteered to be judges.**
4. Mrs. Roux informs the recreation board that Matt McSherry will be the

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new instructor for Little Tigers Basketball Clinic a position formerly held by the recreation director.

**V. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Mrs. LaMastra reports that the recreation directors screening is underway and that the committee has narrowed it down to two candidates. The two candidates will be interviewed by the Mayor and Council. **The recreation board request that they be able to meet with the candidates and submit their input to the council. Mrs. LaMastra will check with the borough administrator.**

**VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Mr. Bruno suggests that a spreadsheet be compiled of all available field space.

**V. Adjournment:**

**Mr. Hamersma motions to adjourn, Mr. Rodriguez seconds, all in favor motion is carried.**

Meeting is adjourned at 9:48 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Carol Roux