

**TENAFLY RECREATION BOARD  
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 14, 2011**

**I. ROLL CALL:** Chair Naomi McDermott, Vice Chair Rich Rodriguez, Peter Fidler, Jeff Pattison, Steve Hamersma, Tony Favorito, Carol Roux, , Sam Bruno, Board of Education Liaison

**ABSENT:** Monica Zaccario, Tom Swift, Nadia LaMastra, Council Liaison, Daniella DiStaulo, Alpine Liaison

January 10, 2011 minutes. **Mr. Rodriguez motions to accept the minutes Mr. Hamersma seconds the motion. All in favor and the motion is carried.**

**II. AUDIENCE:** Mr. John Preolo-153 Riveredge Road, Tenafly-Little League President-Mr. Preolo presented the board with the preseason report. Little League currently have 550 children enrolled, however the number of coaches is down, Little League feels this is due to the town requiring coaches to be fingerprinted. Little League raised \$20,000.00 in revenue and they tried to donate this money however they are having trouble finding someone to accept the donation. Little League donated money to T.H.S for new baseball uniforms. Mr. Rodriguez suggests that Little League may want to donate to the new concession stand and Mr. Favorito suggests that they may want to build dugouts at Sunnyside Park and/or the Municipal Field. Mr. Preolo states that Little League would like to construct a portable batting cage at Sunnyside Park, Mr. Favorito state that he will go to Sunnyside Park with Bob Beutel and see if this is feasible. Mr. Preolo states that there were no incidents in 2010.

**III. CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. The recreation board acknowledges a memo from Little League stating that their opening day parade/ceremony will be held on April 30, 2011.
2. Letters from instructors asking for an increase in their fees to offset the increase in administration fees. **Mr. Pattison motions to deny the increase stating that the instructors may request an increase again in the fall by presenting a cost analysis for their program, Mr. Hamersma seconds the motion, Mr. Rodriguez abstains, the motion is carried.**
3. The recreation board acknowledges and email from Tenafly Youth Basketball regarding an incident.
4. The recreation board acknowledges the recreation department's year end report.

**IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

1. Mr. Favorito asks the recreation board for their input on having a nurse onsite for summer camp. Mr. Favorito presents a report on policies from recreation camps in our area. The recreation board feels a nurse is not necessary and that each case should be reviewed individually. **Mr. Rodriguez motions that summer camp operate without a nurse or E.M.T. onsite, and continue to review any special circumstances on a case by case basis, Mrs. McDermott seconds the motion, all in favor the motion is carried.**
2. Mr. Favorito reports that he would like to hold an alumni softball game fundraiser on June 16, 2011 on the Municipal Field. The money raised will be donated to the Jenna Rainbow Foundation. **Mr. Fidler motions that Mr. Favorito go ahead and hold the alumni game fundraiser, Mr. Rodriguez seconds the motion, all in favor the motion is carried.**

3. Mr. Favorito reports that a bookkeeping glitch has resulted in a \$50.00 online administrative fee being accessed to non resident registrations for summer camp rather than \$5.00. **Mr. Rodriguez motions to correct the glitch in the collection process of the online non resident fee structure, Mr. Pattison seconds the motion, all in favor the motion is carried.**
4. Mr. Favorito spoke to Mr. Bill Jaeger, Athletic Director and states that the high school holds optional practices on Jewish Holidays, however, nothing is in writing at the board of education. Mr. Bruno suggest that Mr. Favorito send an email to Mr. Jaeger asking their policy, therefore the email answer will be in writing.

#### **V. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Mrs. Roux reports that 28 letters were sent to local contractors requesting donations for the concession stand and Mr. Ratty owner of Dancat replied he would donate his services for the floor and that he will contact Mr. Swift directly
2. Mr. Bruno suggests that Mr. Favorito should contact Mr. Benenati for help on obtaining quotes for the resurfacing of the basketball/tennis courts.
3. Mrs. McDermott requests that a meeting be set up with the borough administrator regarding the concession stand.
4. Mr. Bruno states that the board of education will be submitting an inventory or their fields/facilities and asks that Mr. Favorito submit one to the board of education of all borough fields/facilities.
5. Mr. Fidler would like to try to form a partnership with one of the swim clubs to build a recreation center including a pool. Mrs. McDermott states that the swim clubs have a 99 year lease with the town.

#### **VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Mr. Favorito reports that a soccer permit for Sunnyside Park was denied due to a conflict with baseball, and the softball schedule has not been set yet. Mr. Toonkel reports that this permit is for 90 minutes a day on Monday and Thursday. Mr. Favorito reports that the fences for the softball/baseball fields will be up. Mr. Hamersma feels that having baseball and soccer at the same time is dangerous due to balls being hit into the soccer field. The recreation board asks that the recreation department confirm with Little League that they will be using Sunnyside at the times requested.
2. Egg Hunt will be held on April 21, 2011 at 3:00 pm
3. Mr. Favorito presents a permit from E.M.S for use of Sunnyside Park,  
**Mr. Fidler motions to approve the permit, Mr. Pattison seconds the motion, all in favor the motion is carried.**
4. Mr. Fidler would like to state that the recreation board is in full support of installing turf at Geissinger Field.

#### **V. Adjournment:**

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

Meeting is adjourned at 9:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Carol Roux

