

Approved May 9, 2011

**TENAFLY RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – APRIL 11, 2011**

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

ABSENT: Jeff Pattison

March 14, 2011 minutes. **Mr. Fidler motions to accept the minutes Mr. Swift seconds the motion. All in favor and the motion is carried.**

II. AUDIENCE: Mr. Jeff Toonkel-127 Erledon Road, Tenafly, NJ-Mr. Toonkel states that the travel soccer board was established in 1993.

Mr. Bill Jaeger-Supervisor of Athletics and Physical Education at Tenafly High at Tenafly High School. Mr. Jaeger states that the high school has also seen a drop in some sports, there has not been a girls freshman soccer or softball team in several years. Mr. Jaeger suggests that the high school coaches hold clinics to get kids involved in the sports programs. Mr. Jaeger suggests that a specific day be set aside for each sport to avoid children having to choose.

Mr. Alan Zaccario-84 Hazelton Terrace-Tenafly, N.J.-Mr. Zaccario suggests that all town sports communicate, if a child is playing two sports in the same season the coaches should work together and that a child not be penalized for not attending one sport over another. Mr. Zaccario suggest that some of the high school athletes go to the elementary and middle school and speak about the sports to get the kids interested.

III. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Email from Frank Bergman regarding Teel's Baseball Academy using Little League's permit for field space. Mrs. McDermott states this is a private for profit proprietary organization and they must submit a permit and proof of insurance.

IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

2. Mr. Favorito has approved extra dates for soccer games and Tenafly Junior Soccer Leagues Summer Camp.
3. Mr. Horbacewicz has submitted a permit for coaches games on the Municipal Field. The recreation board suggests that Mr. Horbacewicz check for time behind the high school leaving open dates on the Municipal Field for softball make ups.
4. The Grace Chapel has submitted a permit for use of the Municipal Field for a week in the summer.

Mr. Rodriguez motions to approve all permits, Mr. Swift seconds the motion all in favor, the motion is carried.

5. The recreation board acknowledges the receipt of a third tennis court resurfacing quote.
6. Mr. Favorito states that the recreation department has place a port-o-john at Stillman School, for the minor league girls who play softball there. **Mr. Rodriguez motions to allow the port-o-john with lattice around it to cover it, Mr. Swift seconds the motion, all in favor, the motion is carried.**

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V. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Rodriguez suggests that the recreation board formalize a policy regarding having a certain day for each sport. The recreation board will discuss this at the May meeting.
2. Mrs. McDermott reports that Mrs. Jewel-Thompson Chin has stated that the water and sewer lines have already been installed for the concession stand and that we have an engineer to oversee the project. Mrs. Thompson-Chin asks how the recreation board would like to proceed. Mrs. McDermott will respond to Mrs. Thompson-Chin requesting a meeting with the borough engineer, borough administrator and members of the recreation board.
3. Mrs. Roux asks the recreation board for approval to accept non residents for summer camp. **Mr. Rodriguez motions to accept up to 150 non residents for summer camp, Mr. Swift seconds the motion, all in favor, the motion is carried.**
4. Mr. Fidler asks if there are any members of the recreation board who would like to be on a committee for a new recreation center. Mr. Rodriguez, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Hamersma, Mr. Favorito would all like to volunteer. Mr. Fidler states former recreation board member Mr. Sabatino is also interested in being a part of the committee.
5. Mr. Rodriguez inquiries about pricing for omitting the brochure. Mrs. Roux reports it is not cost efficient to omit the brochure. Mr. Favorito feels that the brochure is a big part of the residents connection to the recreation department.
6. The recreation board requests that an email be sent to all cosponsored sports notifying them that a certified fingerprinted coach must be on the field for a practice or game to occur.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Swift suggests that a master schedule be compiled each season with all involved sports to avoid conflicts for children. Mr. Fidler suggests that an all sport committee be formed.
2. Mrs. Zaccario asks permission from the recreation board to accept a 5th grade girl from Englewood to play on the junior travel softball team to fill out the roster. There are no other Tenafly girls interested in playing on the team. **Mr. Swift motions to allow the junior travel softball team to fill out their roster with non residents, Mr. Fidler seconds the motion, all in favor the motion is carried.**
3. Mrs. LaMastra reports that the council has approved lightning detectors, skate park fencing and resurfacing of the basketball courts. Mrs. LaMastra states that three proposals need to be obtained and submitted to the council.

V. Adjournment:

Mrs. Zaccario motions to adjourn, Mr. Swift seconds, all in favor motion is carried.

Meeting is adjourned at 9:19 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Carol Roux

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