

Approved June 13, 2011

**TENAFLY RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – MAY 9, 2011**

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

ABSENT: Jeff Pattison

April 11, 2011 minutes. **Mr. Rodriguez motions to accept the minutes Mrs. Zaccario seconds the motion. All in favor and the motion is carried.**

II. AUDIENCE: David Richards-20 Windsor Road, Tenafly-Mr. Richards feels that the port-o-john that was placed at Stillman School for the girls softball season is an eyesore to the residents and should be removed. Mr. Rodriguez explained that lattice was placed around the port-o-john making it less intrusive.

John Rothenberg-24 Windsor Road, Tenafly-Mr. Rothenberg states that the port-o-john is there 24-7 and is only used for about 2 hours a week. Mr. Smaragdakis states that Stillman School gets a lot of use and the port-o-john is helpful. Mrs. McDermott states that the school can not be used. Mrs. Zaccario states that a lot of parents do not stay for the games and the coaches can not be responsible for taking a child to Sunnyside Park to use the bathroom. Mr. Favorito states that the port-o-john was placed at Stillman School for convenience. Mr. Bruno will check with Mr. Benanati to see if there is another place to put the port-o-john. Mrs. McDermott states that it may be possible to rotate the spot that port-o-john is placed each year. Mr. Smaragdakis states that the port-o-john needs to be placed near the street for servicing purposes.

Michael Horbacewicz-115 Sussex Road-Tenafly-Mr. Horbacewicz expressed his disappointment with the denial of the permit submitted for time at the Municipal for coaches soccer games. Mr. Horbacewicz stated that they were also denied by the high school for field space there. Mr. Horbacewicz states that he is looking for an hour and a half time slot that may be available and he will work on a week to week basis. Mr. Horbacewicz stated that if he is given a time slot and it is needed for softball make ups he understands it will be revoked. Mrs. McDermott explains that the recreation board favors in season sports and that soccer has been granted a large amount of field time. Mrs. McDermott states that we will try to find a time slot for the group, with the understanding that they will be bumped for softball make ups.

John Preolo-153 Riveredge Road, Tenafly-Mr. Preolo wanted to clarify that little league uses the Mackay School Field Monday-Friday and the weekend. Mr. Preolo informed the recreation board that the high school has cut the amount of time they can use the high school fields, they are now using Stillman School, this is a result of soccer using the high school. Mr. Preolo asked the recreation board to clarify why the permit for Teel's Academy under little league was denied. Mrs. McDermott explained that Teel's Camp needs to submit a permit and proof of insurance since they are a for profit group.

Mr. Rodriguez motions that a formal letter be sent to Bill Jaeger expressing the recreation boards disappointment in the decision to not support an in season sport that has traditionally felt extremely welcome, Mr. Swift seconds the motion, all in favor the motion is carried.

III. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Email received from Mayor Rustin regarding Jewish Holiday. Mr. Bruno will clarify the schools policy with the superintendent and report back to the board.
2. Email received from Jeff Toonkel regarding using the municipal field for soccer games. The recreation board tabled this discussion until next month when a calendar can be viewed.
3. Cherie Arfmann of Eifert French Insurance sent clarification regarding sub groups and insurance coverage.

IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. Mr. Favorito advised the recreation board that Little League has been using the right field area of the municipal field. Mr. Favorito states that he is speaking with little league regarding setting up a permanent field in the right field corner. The recreation board acknowledged this information.
2. Mr. Favorito reported that the restrooms are moving forward. **Mr. Rodriguez motions to confirm the availability of funds in order to accept the borough engineers proposal to solicit bids, Mr. Fidler seconds the motion, all in favor the motion is carried.**
3. Mr. Favorito presents a draft of sports association letter to be sent out. The recreation board suggests that meetings be held in September, December and March.
4. Mr. Favorito informs the recreation board that the Safe @ Home Tournament will be held on May 13,14 and 15.
5. Mr. Favorito presents an update on camp enrollment.
6. Mr. Favorito informs the recreation board that the Port-O-John at Stillman School has been covered with lattice and will be removed on June 9th.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

1. The recreation board acknowledge information on lightning detectors and tabled the discussion.
2. Mr. Fidler will organize a meeting for a Recreation Center.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Board of Education requested a contribution for the restoration of the gym floor at the middle school, the recreation board does not have the authority to approve this contribution.
2. Mr. Favorito informs the recreation board that the coed softball league will be using clincher softballs.

V. Adjournment:

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

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Meeting is adjourned at 9:59 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Carol Roux