

**TENAFLY RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – JANUARY 11, 2010**

I. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER:

Naomi McDermott formally swears in Mr. Jeffrey Pattison.

II. REORGANIZATION:

Richard Rodriguez nominates Naomi McDermott for Chair of the Board. Mr. Sabatino seconds the nomination. No other nominations are made. A vote is taken, all in favor and the motion is carried, Naomi McDermott is the new Chair of the Board. Mr. Fidler nominates Mr. Rodriguez for Vice Chair of the Board. Mr. Sabatino seconds the nomination. No other nominations are made. A vote is taken, all in favor and the motion is carried, Richard Rodriguez is the new Vice Chair of the Board.

III. ROLL CALL:

Chairwoman Naomi McDermott, Vice Chairman Rich Rodriguez, Robert Sabatino, Jeff Pattison, Peter Fidler, Councilwoman Nadia LaMastra, Tony Favorito, Tim Roetman, Carol Roux

Absent: Tom Swift, Susan Van Poznak, Board of Education Liaison Mark Aronson, Alpine Liaison Jim Schwartz

IV. MINUTES:

Mr. Sabatino motions to approve the minutes of the December 2009 meeting. Mr. Fidler seconds the motion, all in favor and the motion is carried.

V. AUDIENCE:

Jeff Toonkel, President of Tenaflly Travel Soccer has submitted his end of season report. Jeff verbally reports there were sixteen travel teams in the fall. Nine finished in third place or better. There were no red cards issued to Tenaflly this season, which is a positive thing. Mr. Toonkel reports two additional high school age teams will join the travel program in the spring. Mr. Sabatino asks if the younger travel teams are balanced or if the teams are divided strictly by ability. Mr. Toonkel reports the players are ranked by the trainers from Ashley's Soccer. They will split the top players among an A and B squad and fill the rosters with the lower ranking players to balance the teams. The goal is overall development of the players' abilities. Mr. Toonkel further reports he read a statement at a recent Mayor and Council meeting advocating for more use of the field lights at the Municipal Field on Saturdays and Sundays.

Jordan Haberfield and Mike Horbacewicz, Co-Presidents of Tenaflly Junior Soccer's in-town division are present. Mr. Haberfield reports this past season TJSL moved its pee wee division from Walnut Park to Stillman School for better field conditions. They hosted their third season of a Challenger Division which went great. Mr. Haberfield also reports a rule was instituted requiring parents or a guardian to be present with each elementary age child at every game. Mr. Horbacewicz reports a scholarship program was pursued with the help of the principals in the local schools. This year approximately eight to ten players received a scholarship to play fall soccer.

Mr. Horbacewicz further reports a Coaches Division played one night a week. It was a successful recruiting tool in addition to being a good activity for coaches to get to know each other.

Ron Roman of the Tenafly Adult Soccer League is in attendance to request a continuation of their playing time in the spring. Mr. Favorito replies he will coordinate field use with Mr. Roman around the spring schedules of softball, Little League and youth soccer.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Loss Control Report has been submitted by the Bergen County Joint Insurance Fund. Mr. Favorito points out all fields and facilities are reported to be in good condition.
2. Memo to Councilwoman LaMastra from Tony Favorito regarding adult programs has been submitted outlining the quantity of programs available in Tenafly and surrounding communities.
3. The Department's annual Year End Report has been submitted. Mr. Favorito reports some highlights include the start-up of the High School Basketball League and themed dances. There has also been a significant increase in the use of online registration.
4. A memo regarding the policies, procedures and use of Recreation Trust accounts has been submitted from Mr. Favorito to Greg Fehrenbach, Interim Borough Administrator. Councilwoman LaMastra explains Mr. Fehrenbach has been reviewing the Borough's accounts to gain an understanding of how each account works and to possibly recommend a better policy going forward.
5. Letters have been received from Brandon Garcia and Victoria Corcoran asking if Recky's Camp could include 7th graders next year. Mrs. McDermott recommends Mark Slawson be invited to the next Recreation Board meeting to discuss this topic.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Alpine Recreation – No Report.
2. Board of Education – No Report. Mr. Fidler commends Mr. Aronson's support of the High School Booster Club throughout the process of hiring a new baseball coach.
3. Youth Services – No Report.
4. Joint Use – No Report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. Mr. Favorito reports he has received new information from NYSCA about screening volunteer coaches. Mrs. McDermott suggests the Recreation Board needs to provide Councilwoman LaMastra a new policy to replace the existing ordinance. Mr. Rodriguez suggests a subcommittee be formed to help Mr. Favorito draft a new policy for coaches screening. **Mr. Pattison and Mr. Fidler agree to help draft this new policy. Mr. Rodriguez motions for the organization of the subcommittee with Mr. Fidler and Mr. Pattison as members who will assist Mr. Favorito in drafting a new policy. Mr. Sabatino seconds the motion, all in favor and the motion is carried.**

2. Mr. Favorito presents a proposed resolution of fees for the Recreation Summer Camp and youth sports to take effect in 2010. Mr. Pattison asks if budgets have been prepared for these programs. Mr. Favorito reports budgets are done annually, the increase in fees is to cover the costs of online transaction fees. **Mr. Fidler motions to approve the resolution and forward on to Mayor and Council. Mr. Pattison seconds the motion, all in favor and the motion is carried.**

3. Schedules for the travel basketball teams, High School Basketball League and Wrestling program are enclosed for review.

4. Carol Roux distributes a calendar of special events planned by the Recreation Department in 2010. Carol explains each event to the Board members. As requested at December's meeting by Susan Van Poznak, each member signs up to assist at the special events throughout the year.

5. Mr. Favorito has received permit requests from Tenafly Junior Soccer and Tenafly Little League for field use in the spring. Mr. Favorito has held a meeting with John Preolo of Little League and Jeff Toonkel of soccer and worked out a schedule of dates that would accommodate each groups' requests.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Favorito reports the new ball field groomer has been ordered.

2. The Municipal Field Restroom designs are on the Planning Board agenda for this Wednesday, January 13. They will conduct an informal review. David Hals will be present to discuss the project. **Mrs. McDermott requests Mr. Swift be contacted and asked to attend that meeting as well. If he can not attend, Mrs. McDermott will attend.**

3. Mr. Rodriguez reports he attended the Mayor and Council meeting on January 5. He made an appeal to the Mayor and Council requesting the Recreation Board be given control of the lights on the Municipal Field. Mr. Rodriguez felt the Mayor and Council were receptive to changing the policy if the Board were to present an option. Councilwoman LaMastra suggests the Mayor and Council would rescind the current policy if the Board proposed a reasonable alternative.

Mr. Rodriguez distributes a proposed policy he has drafted. Changes include use of lights on Saturdays and Sundays until 8:30 p.m., allowing use of the lights in March, adding an exception for two football home games and adding a new rule allowing the Recreation Director or Assistant Director to make an exception allowing lights to stay on past curfew in the event of emergencies or rare instances which would require review by the Recreation Board. Mr. Fidler recommends adding a "no parking" agreement on the residence side of Foster Road during night play. **Mr. Rodriguez motions to forward this policy change request to Mayor and Council for review. Mr. Fidler seconds the motion, all in favor and the motion is carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mrs. McDermott requests the Department forward the agenda as early as possible prior to the meeting.
2. Mr. Rodriguez would like the Board to take a more formal vote and ensure each member's opinions are heard.
3. Mr. Roetman announces his resignation from the Borough of Tenafly effective January 22, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Roetman
Assistant Recreation Director