

**TENAFLY RECREATION BOARD  
MINUTES – MARCH 8, 2010**

**I. ROLL CALL:** Chair Naomi McDermott, Vice Chair Rich Rodriguez, Tom Swift, Peter Fidler, Robert Sabatino, Tony Favorito, Carol Roux, Louis Smaragdakis Council Liaison Nadia LaMastra

**ABSENT:** Jeff Pattison, Board of Education Liaison Mark Aronson  
February 8, 2010 minutes. **Mr. Rodriguez motions to accept the minutes Mr. Fidler seconds the motion. All in favor and the motion is carried.**

**II. AUDIENCE:** Mr.& Mrs. Pitner-18 Foster Road, Mr. & Mrs. Paer 60 Foster Road, Mr. Kapakjian-54 Foster Road, Ms. Pfeffer-48 Foster Road, Mr. Mruzyn-42 Foster Road. Residents of Foster Road expressed their concerns with the noise late at night when the lights are used on the Municipal Field. The Foster Road residents feel that the lights and noise on the field are intrusive on their quality of life. Residents feel that they need one night on a weekend free of scheduled events on the field. They also expressed the concern of lights being left on when there is no activity on the field. Residents expressed concern that non permit approved people are using the field. The residents were told that there is a board outside of the field where a calendar listing all permits issued is updated monthly. Mrs. McDermott asked the residents to please put their concerns in writing in the future, rather than waiting to be invited to a meeting, so they may be addressed. Mrs. McDermott explained the permit policy to the residents. Mr. Rodriguez explained the priority system for permits. Mr. Murzyn asked that Easter Sunday be added to the list of holidays that permits will not be issued on. Mr. Pitner agrees that an injury is a circumstance in which the lights may need to be left on beyond the agreed time. Mr. Rodriguez assured the residents that there will be no parking allowed on Foster Road as part of the new proposal. Mr. Rodriguez explained to the residents that the board will now submit the proposal to the Mayor and Council. The Recreation Board thanked the residents for coming and expressing their concerns.

Mrs.Plundeke-12 Palmer Ave.: Mrs. Plundeke inquired about the Summer Camp hiring process. Her son worked last year and has not received a contract whereas some of his friends did. Mrs. Plundeke was told that this matter will be discussed. The Recreation Board has set forth a new hiring process effective for summer camp 2011. Mrs. LaMastra suggests Mr. Favorito meet with Mrs. Thompson-Chin regarding pay scale for summer camp employees.

Thomas Giordano-12 George St.: Mr. Giordano is representing the Little League Board regarding their new code of conduct. He inquired the status of the code of conduct that they would like the borough attorney to review prior to the start of the baseball season. The Recreation Board stated that Little League needs to use the boroughs code of conduct however, they are more than welcome to add an addendum to it.

Mr. Giordano inquired about the status of background checks. Mrs. LaMastra explained that board members are pursuing companies to administer the background checks.

Mrs. LaMastra introduces Mrs. Jewel Thompson-Chin, Borough Administrator to the recreation board.

Mr. Smaragdakis, Site Supervisor expresses his concern over guest badges for the skate park. He requests clarification on the usage of a guest skate badge. The recreation board requests clarification from Eifert, French Insurance Company. Mr. Smaragdakis asks the recreation board for guidance on municipal field use by non permit users on a daily basis. Mr. Smaragdakis requests a new sign for the tennis courts stating the rules. Mr. Smaragdakis requests that the key for the bathrooms at Sunnyside Park only be given to a few people. He will open the bathrooms in the morning and lock them in the evening. Mr. Smaragdakis does not work Sundays. This will avoid the problem of the bathrooms being left unlocked.

### **III. CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Letter from Mrs. Weinstein requesting a refund for Tumble Tykes. **Mr. Rodriguez motions to approve the refund minus the administration fee seconded by Mr. Fidler, all in favor motion is carried.**

2. The Recreation Board acknowledges email from Mayor Peter Rustin.

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

1. The adult softball game scheduled for Sunday, June 13, 2010 has been moved to Tenafly High School allowing soccer use of the field on that date.

2. Mr. Favorito inquired about the staffing of the recreation department, submitting a memo to be sent to the borough administrator. Mr. Favorito explains that the department needs a part time thirty hour office assistant, if the town will not be hiring anyone to fill the vacant assistant director position. Mrs. LaMastra states that Mr. Favorito and Mrs. Thompson-Chin should address this matter in a meeting. The recreation board suggests guidelines for the duties of the assistant director for summer camp.

4. Mr. Favorito presented fundraiser softball clinic being run by Tenafly High School Softball Team on April 17, 2010 on the Municipal field for Tenafly/Alpine Girls grades 3-8. **Mr. Swift motions to approve the clinic seconded by Mr. Sabatino, all in favor motion is carried.**

5. Mr. Favorito asks for clarification on the use of Sunnyside Park for mens/coed softball rainouts, previously this needed approval of the Mayor and Council. Mrs. LaMastra states this needs only be approved by the recreation board.

**V. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. The board agreed that the lights will not be on after dark on Sunday except in the case of a championship game that may go over the agreed upon time. The lights will stay on until 8:30 on Saturday if need and remain on late for two Friday night football games in the fall. The Board will designate a borough employee in addition to Mr. Favorito who will have the ability to turn the lights off when not in use.
2. Mrs. LaMastra reports the bathroom/concession stand at the Municipal Center will be going out for bid.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. No new business.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned 10:25 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,

Carol Roux