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**TENAFLY RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – APRIL 12, 2010**

I. ROLL CALL: Chair Naomi McDermott, Vice Chair Rich Rodriguez, Tom Swift, Peter Fidler, Robert Sabatino, Jeff Pattison, Tony Favorito, Carol Roux, Louis Smaragdakis Council Liaison Nadia LaMastra, Monica Zaccario was sworn in as a new member of the board.

ABSENT: Board of Education Liaison Mark Aronson

March 8, 2010 minutes. **Mr. Rodriguez motions to accept the minutes Mr. Pattison seconds the motion. All in favor and the motion is carried.**

II. AUDIENCE: Seth Roland, 71 Morris Road, Tenaflly, asked the board to approve his permit to hold FDU Soccer Camp on the Municipal Field.

Micah Shelley 7 Huyler Avenue, Tenaflly-Eagle Scout Troop 196-his troop would like to build a permanent sun roof for team benches at our fields for a service project. The labor would be donated by the troop. The troop could fund raise for the equipment if the board does not have the funds. They would like to do this construction over the summer. The Board thanked Micah for coming and he was told they would get back to him.

Michael Horbacewicz-115 Sussex Road, Tenaflly-Mr. Horbacewicz asked the procedure on obtaining a permit in the evening for soccer coaches games. The board advised him that he needs to submit a permit and it was explained to him that in season sports receive priority. The board advised Mr. Horbacewicz that when submitting a permit he should try to be flexible with his request. Mr. Horbacewicz expressed his concerns with the Girls Softball Program regarding both team selection and the coaches selection process. Mr. Horbacewicz feels the girls should be ranked. Mr. Horbacewicz feels that playoffs place too much pressure on the girls

Gail Silverman-91 Oak St, Tenaflly-Mrs. Silverman expressed her concerns regarding girls softball and her support of Mr. Horbacewicz's concerns. Mrs. Silverman feels that 2nd grade girls should be in a separate division which would be an instructional league, and that 6th graders should not be with the 8th graders.

Mr. Rodriguez asked Mr. Horbacewicz and Mrs. Silverman to please decide which of their issues they feel the strongest about and send that information to the board.

Michelle Roux-6 Mahan Street, Tenaflly-Miss Roux played softball with Tenaflly Recreation since 2nd grade and is now a player for Tenaflly High School, she expressed how much she loved playing softball and how she made many friends. Miss. Roux also expressed how much you looked forward to playing in the playoffs. Miss Roux stated that the recreation program prepared her for high school softball.

Raymond Roux-6 Mahan Street, Tenaflly-Mr. Roux has coached & umpired sports in Tenaflly for over 20 years. Mr. Roux feels that the recreation program is for the good of the children playing and that the program has come a long way. He feels that the travel team is for the more competitive players. Mr. Roux feels that the ranking system does not work unless the coaches rank honestly. Mr. Roux feels the team/coaches selection process is fair.

Al Zaccario-84 Hazelton Terrace, Tenaflly-Mr. Zaccario has been involved in Tenaflly sports for 45 years. Mr. Zaccario feels that the coach is the one that influences whether or not a child stays with a

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sport. Mr. Zaccario feels there are many reasons for the drop off in registration for softball ie: other sports, music, etc. Mr. Zaccario feels the team/coaches selection process is fair.

III. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Email from Mayor Rustin regarding fixing the Smith School Field for use by sports in Tenafly with open space funds. Mrs. LaMastra feels that the recreation board will not have control over the field. Mrs. McDermott and Mr. Rodriguez will set up a meeting with the Smith H.S.A. to discuss this.
2. The recreation board acknowledged email from Joan Vidra regarding basketball dinner
3. Joint Insurance Fund guidelines regarding skate park guest badges, the board tabled the issue until next month.
4. The recreation board acknowledges email from Borough Administrator, Jewel Chin-Thompson regarding the status of the concession stand.

IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1 Permit for FDU Camp-**Mr. Swift motions to approve, seconded by Mr. Pattison, all in favor motion is carried.**

Permit for Adult Soccer League-**Mr. Swift motions to approve, seconded by Mr. Fidler, all in favor motion is carried.**

Permit for Grace Chapel-**Mr. Rodriguez motions to approve, seconded by Mr. Fidler, all in favor motion is carried.**

Permit for Joy Fellowship-**Mr. Sabatino motions to approve the permit for a two hour time slot, Mr. Favorito will try to find them a field, seconded by Jeff Pattison, all in favor motion is carried.**

Permit for Travel Soccer for additional dates-**Mr. Rodriguez motions to deny the permit based on softball needing the field for rainouts, seconded by Mr. Swift, Mr. Pattison votes no, the majority rules and the permit is denied.**

2. Ellen Ratty is the new part time recreation aide.

3. Alicia Henry was approved by the borough administrator as the new summer camp assistant director.

4. Recky's summer camp currently has 100 children enrolled, staff will be hired as enrollment increases

5. There are 62 non-residents on the wait list for summer camp-**Mr. Swift motions to approve 100 non residents, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez, all in favor motion is carried.**

6. Mr. Pattison and Mr. Swift will be the sub committee to establish rules and regulations for the Municipal Center bathroom/concession stand that will be presented to the recreation board.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Follow up letter will be sent to the Foster Road Residents.

2. Recreation Board has control over Sunnyside Park usage by adults, Mr. Favorito will begin scheduling games.

3. Background Checks-Mr. Fidler will contact co-sponsored sports regarding sharing the cost. Mr. Fidler and Mr. Pattison will present a draft of policies and procedures at the May meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Favorito will present sign recommendation for the tennis courts to the board at the May meeting.

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2. The recreation board requests that Micah Shelley submit a plan for two dugout sun roofs for the May meeting.
3. The recreation board will review Mr. Horbacewicz's letter and discuss it at the May meeting.
4. The recreation board suggests Mr. Favorito contact Little League to see if there is any time that they requested on their permit that they will not be utilizing.
4. Mr. Pattison reports that there is a decline in enrollment in all sports. Mr. Pattison suggests that a meeting be held with all sports to discuss what can be done to increase enrollment.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned 10:36 pm
Respectfully submitted,

Carol Roux