

**.TENAFLY RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 12, 2010**

I. ROLL CALL: Chair Naomi McDermott, Vice Chair Rich Rodriguez, Monica Zaccario, Peter Fidler, Tom Swift , Jeff Pattison, Robert Sabatino, Tony Favorito, Carol Roux, Alpine Liaison Daniella DiStaulo, Council Liaison Nadia LaMastra.

ABSENT: Mark Aronson, Board of Education Liaison

July 26, 2010 minutes. **Mr. Fidler motions to accept the minutes Mrs. Zaccario seconds the motion. All in favor and the motion is carried.**

II. AUDIENCE: Jeff Toonkel, 127 Erledon Road, Tenafly-Mr. Toonkel suggests that a master calendar be used for scheduling Sunnyside Park usage.

Jeff Preolo-153 Riveredge Road, Tenafly-Tenafly Lions Little League President-Little League would like to know the status of background checks so they may include the cost in their budget.

Peter Rustin-295 Woodland Street, Tenafly-Mayor Rustin would like to see Sunnyside Park not used starting mid August to give the field a chance to rest, and requests all activities be scheduled on the Municipal Field. Mayor Rustin reminds the Recreation Board that no activities should be held during the high holidays. Mayor Rustin inquiries if we will have field availability in the future for the growing flag football program.

III. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Refund request for summer camp-**Mr. Rodriguez motions to approve refund Mrs. Zaccario seconds, all in favor and the motion is carried**
2. Email from Tom Laug requesting approval for a non resident to be an assistant football coach. **Mr. Pattison motions to approve, Mrs. Zaccario seconds, all in favor and the motion is carried.**
3. The Recreation Board acknowledges background information submitted by Mr. Fidler.

IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. Mr. Favorito reports that he met with the Borough Administrator regarding summer camp. A time table was set up for the hiring process. Volunteers, and the possibility of an on sight first aid personnel was discussed. Mrs. Thompson-Chin will supply the Recreation Department with spread sheets to help with the planning process. There will be two more meetings in the near future.
2. Mr. Favorito reports that he feels no major changes are needed to the softball program. Mr. Pattison suggests that playoffs be all inclusive. Mr. Favorito will discuss this at the P\preseason meeting.
3. Mr. Favorito reports that he will set up a meeting with Chief Bruno and Mr. Fidler to discuss background checks.
4. Permit for TASL was presented with a two hour time frame. **Mr. Swift motioned to approve the permit at Mr. Favorito's discretion, Mr. Sabatino seconds, all in favor and the motion is carried.**
5. Mr. Favorito reports that there are 40 children signed up for flag football and the program is being coached by Mr. Jeff Kurtz and several parents. They will be using the Municipal Field as well as the Middle School Field. This is a feeder program for junior football's pee wee division and it will be a recreational in town league.
6. Mr. Favorito reports that there will be a mandatory football parent meeting on Tuesday,

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September 14, 2010 at 7:45 pm in the Middle School Gym.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Fidler inquires whether Smith School would serve as a field for flag football in the future.
2. Mr. Rodriguez inquires whether the new light policy for the municipal field has been approved, Mrs. LaMastra reports that it has been approved by the Mayor & Council.
3. Mr. Swift reports that he will meet with Borough Engineer Mr. Hals and Mr. Favorito to discuss the concession stand, they will look into prefab buildings. Mrs. LaMastra states that maybe we should look into sharing services with Closter who are also building a concession stand. Mr. Swift suggests we may want to seek donations of services.
4. Mrs. McDermott reports that Chief Bruno will not endorse background checks that do not require fingerprints. Mr. Fidler feels that we will lose volunteer coaches if we require them to go to Paramus for fingerprinting. Mr. Rodriguez inquiries if there is a mobile unit for fingerprinting. Mrs. Thompson-Chin inquiries if there is a possibility that the Tenafly Police Department may be able to do the fingerprinting. Mrs. LaMastra states that fingerprinting can not be done by the Tenafly Police Department due to the process with the New Jersey State Police. Mr. Fidler will hold a conference call with Chief Bruno and the National Center for Safety Initiative. Mrs. McDermott states that the ordinance may need to be amended.
5. Mr. Sabatino states the need for a lightning detection program.
6. Mr. Pattison reports that Capture Point has a program for field scheduling Mr. Pattison, Mr. Favorito and the recreation department staff were present at a demonstration of this program. Mrs. Roux will contact Capture Point to obtain a proposal and present it at the October meeting. The Recreation Board is in agreement that the Sunnyside Park field with the exception of the softball and baseball field needs to be rested in August. The Recreation Board asks Mr. Favorito to develop field use guidelines and present them at the October meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mrs. Thompson-Chin stated that the summer camp meeting was very successful and that future meetings will be based on the data on the spreadsheets that will be filled out by recreation. Mrs. Thompson-Chin reports that future meetings will focus on staffing, on site management and facilities. Mrs. McDermott feels staff shirts should be worn everyday.

V. Adjournment

Mr. motions to adjourn, Mr. Sabatino seconds, all in favor motion is carried.

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Meeting is adjourned at 9:07 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Carol Roux

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