

**TENAFLY RECREATION BOARD  
MINUTES – June 11, 2012**

- I. ROLL CALL: Matthew Mercurio, Carol Roux, Rich Rodriguez, Robert Silber, Sam Bruno-Board of Education Liaison, Nadia LaMastra-Council Liaison, Naomi McDermott, Monica Zaccario, Daniella DiStaulo**

**Absent: Steve Hamersma, Thomas Swift**

- II. MINUTES: May 14, 2012 Mr. Silber motions to accept the minutes, Mr. Pattison seconds, all in favor the motion is carried**

**Mrs. McDermott clarifies the way the meeting will be run regarding audience**

**III. AUDIENCE:**

- 1. Sara Levinson-282 Woodland St-Mrs. Levinson reads a letter questioning the by-laws of co-sponsored sports and asking for clarification on co-sponsorship. Mrs. Levinson feels Mr. Mercurio should meet once a month with all co-sponsored sports. Mrs. Levinson feels all sports should be run the same. Mrs. Levinson feels all sports should have parent boards. Mrs. Levinson feels that there needs to be transparency in all sports. Mr. Mercurio stated that the cosponsorship policy will be discussed at the July meeting.**
- 2. Oleg Stetsiv-Fencing Program-Staten Island-Fencing Club Hohokus-6 years-to adult Mr. Stetsiv worked at Northern Highlands School and would like to bring fencing to Tenafly he will supply all equipment. Mr. Stetsiv is the assistant coach at Princeton University. Dr. Joanna Merriam-26 N. Brae Ct- Dr. Merriam states that her children fence and would like to have the program offered in Tenafly. Rich Rodriguez inquires where the program will be held. Mr. Mercurio suggest a school gym. Mr. Pattison states that his daughter went to Englewood, Dr. Merriam states that the place closed Mr. Silber inquires what the age group and number of kids for the program. Mr. Stetsiv states that if more kids register he will provide more instructors. Mr. Bruno suggests Dr. Merriam contact Mr. Jaeger the Athletic Director of the High School . Dr. Merriam states she has spoken to Mr. Jaeger and he can meet with her in July.**
- 3. Mike Horbacewicz-115 Sussex Road- Mr. Horbacewicz represents the Tenafly Junior Soccer Coaches. Mr. Horbacewicz states that 853 kids are coached by 100 coaches and that 30-40 would like to play soccer all are Tenafly residents. Mr. Horbacewicz states that in the Spring the coaches played at night for 1 ½ hours. Mens and Coed Softball has restricted the time available on the municipal field for the soccer coaches games. Mr. Horbacewicz states that Mens and Coed Softball teams are not all Tenafly residents. Mr.**

**Horbacewicz inquires how can there be a balance between residents who are tax payers over non-residents for field usage, he believes the recreation department needs a scheduling system.**

**Mr. Mercurio states that mens and coed are getting priority because it is a program that the recreation department runs. Mr. Mercurio will check with the board as to what is the acceptable ratio of residents/non residents after checking this years ratio. Mr. Mercurio states that we are utilizing all fields.**

**Mr. Silber feels that we need to check field requests months in advance. Dimitri Avrassoglou-79 Highwood Ave-Mr. Avrassoglou states that non resident groups are using the municipal field for non permitted soccer play.**

**Seth Fink 61 Woodland St-Mr. Fink states that the coaches games have been positive on the men's lives as well as their children who come out to watch.**

**Keith Gold- 32 Winthrop Ct. Mr. Gold states that he plays in softball and soccer. When the league began there was a fire dept. team, police team. Mr. Gold states that it is no longer a Tenafly league.**

**Mr. Rodriguez states that 3-4 years ago there was 75% Tenafly Residents in the league.**

**Ray Murphy- 48 Downey Drive Mr. Murphy states that the coaches league has developed friendships that have changed the culture of the kids in the soccer program.**

**Richard Lerner -157 Anderson Ave Alpine, Mr. Lerner states that this is a great program for all.**

**Sam Bruno-Mr. Bruno states that the coaches should hold the board of educations and recreation department's feet to the fire to acquire electronic scheduling.**

#### **IV. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 1. Emails regarding Safe @ Home-The Recreation Board acknowledges receipt of emails.**
- 2. TUSL-The Tenafly United Soccer League requests to be a cosponsored sport.**

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

- 1. Summer Camp-Mr. Mercurio reports that we have over 350 campers registered and have hired 86 employees.**
- 2. Men's Flag Football-Mr. Mercurio reports that the Certificate of Insurance has been received and the program will begin on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.**
- 3. Safe @ Home-Mr. Mercurio reports that the Tenafly Team will be recognized at the Mayor and Council meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:45**
- 4. Mens/Coed Softball-The Recreation Board acknowledges the start of both leagues.**
- 5. Football Helmets/Football Day-Mr. Mercurio states that the new football**

**helmets have been received and that 50-75 kids participated in Football Day. Mr. Mercurio sent a letter to the volunteers thanking them for their help.**

6. **Complaint Form-Mr. Mercurio has established a complaint form for the future. Mr. Rodriguez feels a complaint needs to be submitted in writing. Mrs. LaMastra suggests that Mr. Mercurio speak to the Borough Attorney.**
7. **Concession Stand-Mr. Mercurio state that there are two options one is to put it out to bid to a vendor the second option is for the sports organizations to run the snack shack. Travel soccer is not interested. Football would like to run it. Mrs. McDermott states if you bid it out the vendor can sell the food and the organization can sell apparel, etc. If sports organizations run the concession stand someone will need to manage the accounting. Open 3:30-7 on weekdays and 9-6 on weekends. Mr. Mercurio inquiries how the funds will be divided. Mr. Rodriguez motions to go out to bid, Mr. Pattison seconds, all in favor motion is carried.**

#### **VI. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Co-sponsorship-Tabled until July meeting**  
**Mr. Rodriguez asks that the board check the policy regarding out of season sport since when travel soccer has no field space they need to go out of town and pay for field space.**
2. **Mr. Silber composed a letter to the Board of Education regarding the boards support of putting turf on Geissinger Field.**
3. **Mr. Mercurio met with Mr. Giordano and there is flexibility to use the lights as the director sees fit.**

#### **VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Mens/Coed Softball Schedule is set.**
2. **Summer Meetings –July 9<sup>th</sup> the board will discuss cosponsorship**
3. **Check into ratio of resident/non residents in coed and mens**
4. **July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration July 1<sup>st</sup> rainedate July 4<sup>th</sup>**
5. **Fencing- Mr. Rodriguez motions to accept the program, Mr. Silber seconds ,all in favor motion is carried.**
6. **Mr. Rodriguez inquires if the recreation board should oversee the bylaws of cosponsored sports regarding the selection of board members. Mr. Pattison feels the recreation department needs bylaws from all cosponsored sports. Mr. Silber states that the board can make suggestions to cosponsored sports but not mandate.**
7. **The recreation board states that the proper process for recreation questions is that they are first brought to the director who will bring them to the board if he sees the need.**
8. **Mr. Silber motions to go into closed session Mr. Rodriguez seconds, all in favor motion is carried.**  
**Mr. Rodriguez motions to return to open session, Mr. Pattison seconds, all in favor motion is carried.**

Approved September 10, 2012

**Mr. Silber motions to adjourn Mr. Pattison seconds all in favor, the motion is carried.**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting is adjourned at 9:39 pm**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Carol Roux**