

**TENAFLY RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – September 10, 2012**

I. ROLL CALL: Matt Mercurio, Carol Roux, Naomi McDermott, Steve Hamersma, Robert Silber, Tom Swift, Ed Salaski-Board of Education-Liaison Nadia LaMastra-Council Liaison, Monica Zaccario

Absent: Rich Rodriguez, Daniella DiStaulo, Jeff Pattison

II. MINUTES: June 11, 2012 **Mr. Silber motions to accept the minutes, Mrs. McDermott seconds the motion, all in favor the motion is carried.**

III. AUDIENCE: Mr. Feldman inquires if there is a subcommittee for a community center. The recreation board states that there is no subcommittee at this time.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Mercurio reads an email from the Kolhas coed softball team stating how much fun they had this year and thanking everyone involved.

Mr. Mercurio reads an email from Tenafly United Soccer requesting cosponsorship.

Mr. Mercurio reads an email from Alan Zaccario stating that he and Monica are stepping down from the parents advisory board for travel softball designating Steve Palumbo as the new head of the advisory board. Mr. Zaccario would like to head a challenger program for softball.

Mr. Mercurio states that the recreation fall registration has begun and that 12 people have already signed up for our new fencing class.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. Co-sponsorship-

A. TUSC-Request from travel soccer for cosponsorship

B. Policy-Mr. Mercurio has compiled a list of recommendations for the cosponsorship policy. Mr. Mercurio requests that the board look over the recommendations. Mr. Mercurio would like to meet with the presidents of all sports boards and discuss the issue of travel players having to play on the in town team, and he will report back to the board at the October meeting. The recreation board asks that Mr. Mercurio check what has happened in other towns that have allowed kids to play travel without having to play in town. Mrs. McDermott inquires whether the program would lose coaches on the in town level if their child plays travel and are not required to play both

2. Camp Update-Mr. Mercurio reports that 400 children were in camp this year. Mr. Mercurio states that many new programs were added and they were very successful. Walkie Talkies were added, parents signed out each child every day staff was identified with different colored shirts noting their position.

3. Football- Mr. Mercurio reports that currently there are 90 kids in tackle and 30

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kids in Flag. Flag Football is being held at Geissinger Field at the Bon Fire Corner, Tackle is held on the Municipal Field. Mr. Mercurio informs the board that October 5th and 19th are Friday Night Light home games. October 5th will be the pep rally from 4:00-5:00

4. Fall Softball-Mr. Mercurio reports that the recreation department has a 10U,12U, 14U, 17U team in the Bergenfield Ugals League.

5. Parks Fitness-Mr. Mercurio states that the recreation department would like to put an outdoor fitness center in Tenafly. Mr. Mercurio will look for available space.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Lightning Detector System-Mr. Mercurio states he attended a meeting regarding the Lightning Detector and reported on the equipment being purchased and the locations of all units. The money will be coming out of the bond ordinance from 2011.
2. Snack Shack/Bathrooms-Mr. Mercurio states the bathrooms are opened and functioning and that the snack shack will be open next week. A refrigerator and freezer will be delivered this week. At this time football is the only sport that will be selling out of the concession stand. **Mr. Silber motions that the bathrooms be open from 8am until the lights go off or sundown and that a site person should be available to keep bathrooms open Mr. Hamersma seconds the motion, all in favor the motion is carried.**
3. Mr. Swifts asks Mr. Mercurio to contact David Hals about having a plaque made listing all contributors for the concession stand and Mrs. McDermott asks if we could have the ceremony on October 19th during the night football game. Mr. Mercurio will start planning the ceremony.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. BOE Meeting/Policy-Mr. Mercurio states the BOE permits will come to him and he will sign off whether or not the group requesting the permit is cosponsored.
2. Skate Park-Mr. Mercurio states that the skate park was closed for repairs due to vandalism and misuse of the ramps. Mr. Mercurio shows the recreation board a discipline policy for the skate park. Mrs. McDermott inquires how the rules will be enforced. The recreation board states that if people are caught disobeying the rules the skate park needs to be closed. The recreation board states that the skate park needs to be closed until a new sign can be posted.
3. Mr. Hamersma inquires about the maintenance of the Turf Field. Mr. Mercurio states that it will be done this week.
4. Mr. Hamersma inquires who will be responsible if a ball goes into the street and a child gets hurt with a soccer field being built on the corner of Riveredge Road and Tenafly Road. Mrs. LaMastra states that there will be a 15 foot fence around the field.

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VIII. SPECIAL EVENTS:

1. Bike Rodeo-October 13th/Westerly Drive-FYI
2. Halloween Celebration-October 27th/TMS-FYI

Mr. Silber motions to go into closed session, Mrs. Zaccario seconds it all in favor motion is carried.

Mrs Zaccario motions to go back into open session, Mr. Swift seconds the motion, all in favor the motion is carried.

Mrs. Zaccario motions to adjourn, Mr. Silber seconds the motion, all in favor the motion is carried.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: 8:55 pm