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**TENAFLY RECREATION BOARD  
AGENDA MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023  
Call to Order: 7:33 pm**

- I. ROLL CALL:** Michael Greeley, Angela Leone, Chad Coleman, Gia Alvarez, Nahuel Quiroga, Jamie Cannon, Carol Roux, Adam Michaels-Council Liaison, Amy Lerner-Alpine Liaison

**ABSENT:** David Reichel, Glen Anderson

**Chairman Michael Greeley administers the oath of office to Gia Alvarez.**

- II. MINUTES:** January 2023-**Mr. Quiroga motions to accept the minutes, Mr. Coleman seconds the motion, all in favor, the motion is carried.**

- III. CORRESPONDENCE:** Councilman Michaels-Wayfinding & Branding-Councilman Michaels presents the branding report. A discussion ensued.

Ms. Cannon reports TUSC & TYB will be at the May meeting.

Ms. Cannon reports there was a bullying incident at a TYB game, the school has rectified the issue along with TYB, players were not involved, it was spectators.

Mr. Greeley asked if the school will be mediating this from happening again. Tenafly Police went to TMS to discuss bullying. TYB informed the parents regarding the incident.

- IV. AUDIENCE:**

- V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Ms. Cannon reports Spring sports have started.

- 1. Lacrosse:** Ms. Cannon reports the boys currently have 90 players registered for lacrosse (3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) practice, game and tournament schedules are out. Practices begin this week. Mr. Quiroga asks if teams still have volunteer coaches. Ms. Cannon states that they are all volunteer coaches and it is hard to get trainers during the season they are all coaching their own teams.

**Girls Lacrosse:** Ms. Cannon reports we currently have 75 players registered. Practice, game and tournament schedules are out. Ms. Cannon states we have 3 very large teams.

Ms. Cannon reports we are at the maximum of growth we need more space. Ms. Cannon states renting space is very difficult and expensive a Lacrosse field is difficult it is very sport specific. Mr. Greeley asks if Ms. Cannon has checked into renting the Armory. Ms. Cannon states the cost is \$500 an hour. Mr. Greeley asks if Ms. Cannon has spoken to the JCC regarding utilizing

some of their space. Ms. Cannon has spoken to them regarding basketball however, they utilize the space and rent it out to other groups. Mr. Quiroga inquires about the space near the Nature Center. Councilman Michaels states the council is discussing it. A discussion ensued.

**K-2<sup>nd</sup> co-ed lacrosse clinic:** Ms. Cannon reports there are 25 kids enrolled and the program is starting in April, the program is coed.

2. **Girls Softball:** Ms. Cannon states we currently have 100 players ranging from 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade, practices will be 2 times per week with league games. Ms. Cannon explains the program was taken away and run by a group of parents years ago and when their children aged out it was returned to Recreation. When the program was returned to Recreation there were 30 girls registered we have grown the program to where it is today and it will continue to grow. Mr. Greeley asks if softball can play on the Little League field, Ms. Cannon states yes we have played on baseball fields before. Ms. Cannon reports we are entering a new travel softball league this year called the Kinderkamack League. The league is more competitive with more teams-options of play levels. Mrs. Alvarez asks if it was a co-sponsored sport when the parents ran it. Ms. Cannon states it was co-sponsored. Mr. Quiroga explains Tenafly Junior Soccer is now a part of Tenafly United League.
3. **Spring programs:** Ms. Cannon reports we currently have 150 Spring registrations which includes an array of new offerings. Registration is still open.
4. **Recky's Tiger Summer Camp (K-6<sup>th</sup>):** Ms. Cannon reports we currently have 250 campers registered. (Camp is capped right now due to staffing-waiting to hire staff). We have 640 registrations for camp trips, most are sold out already. We added new trips all trips are very popular. We have 50 campers on the waitlist for camp. Mr. Greeley asked if we have given scholarships, Ms. Cannon reports we gave 3 full scholarships. Ms. Cannon reports we added 2 local low priced trips, to the Kearney House in Alpine and the Fort Lee Historical Park.  
**-Pre-School Camp (3-5 years old):** Ms. Cannon states we have 15 campers registered, the limit is 25.  
**Teen Camp (6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grade):** Ms. Cannon reports we have 45 campers registered, which is our limit. We are at the state maximum for ratio 15:1

Ms. Cannon reports the ice rink went well this year, the SMORE kits were a big hit once again. The Sweetheart Skate was very well attended.

## VI. OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Recreation Department Vacancies-**Ms. Cannon states we are still looking for help. Ms. Cannon spoke to the Borough Administrator regarding

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increasing the salary, a decision has not been made yet. A discussion ensued. Ms. Cannon will let the board know the date of her budget hearing.

2. Mr. Greeley asked if there has been a discussion regarding an option to Community Pass. Ms. Cannon states nothing has happened yet

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Ms. Leone discussed with Ms. Cannon the possibility of a community play date for grades K-5, with another time slot for grade 6-10 for the child who does not get invited to play dates or sleepovers. Ms. Leone would like to have this held on Saturdays. Ms. Leone has discussed this with the parents in the PASET group. Ms. Cannon states it would have to be free and is looking at the Key Club or kids needing Community Service hours as the volunteers to run the program. Ms. Leone states parents would stay so there is structure and parents can meet each other. Ms. Leone states her son's school does 2 Saturdays a month if you can't make 1 Saturday you can make the other date. Ms. Leone suggests volunteers can register on Community Pass. Mr. Coleman states the nature center has volunteers who help out. Mr. Quiroga feels if kids would be able to sign up for a few dates in a row they would be more likely to volunteer. Ms. Leone states this would not just for special needs children it would also be helpful for people with a language barrier. Ms. Cannon states she would like to try the program in the Spring and if it is successful we could run it again in the Fall. We would not run the program in the Summer since many children are not in town. Ms. Cannon would like to do flyers in different languages. Ms. Cannon wants to bring more inclusive programs to the town.

## **VIII. SPECIAL EVENTS: FYI**

1. **Spring Spectacular-Easter Bunny Brigade:** Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5:30pm @ Peace Plaza (*photos with the bunny, activities, crafts, golden egg giveaway*)
2. **Recreation Committee Meeting:** Monday, May 8th @ 7:30 p.m.-Wilson Room
3. **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lacrosse Day:** Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>-festivities starting @ 3pm-Geissinger Field
4. **July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration:** Saturday, July 8th (*RD: 7/9*) 10am-2:30pm Roosevelt Common

Mr. Greeley inquired about the Puzzle Palooza Event. Ms. Cannon states the event was very well attended we had 17 teams. We had first and 2<sup>nd</sup> place prizes.

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**IX. ADJOURNMENT: 9:05**

**Mr. Quiroga motions to adjourn, Mrs. Alvarez seconds the motion, all in Favor, the motion is carried.**