

Approved January 9, 2023

**TENAFLY RECREATION BOARD**  
**MINUTES DECEMBER 12, 2022**  
**Called to order 7:36 pm**

**I. ROLL CALL:** Michael Greeley, David Reichel, Sara Levinson, Nahuel Quiroga, Judi Feinberg, Amy Lerner-Alpine Liaison, Adam Michaels-Council Liaison, Mayor Mark Zinna, Jamie Cannon, Carol Roux

**ABSENT:** Michelle Merchant

**II. MINUTES:** November 14, 2022- **Mr. Greeley motions to approve the minutes, Mrs. Levinson seconds the motion, all in favor, motion is carried.**

**II. CORRESPONDENCE:** Joe Carollo-Tenafly High School Athletic Director-Mr. Carollo states that youth sports and high school sports share facilities and there needs to be coordination between the groups. Mr. Carollo states there will be a referendum to expand facilities for athletes including more lighted fields. Mr. Carollo states when a sport in town changes their board members he should be notified in regards to who he will be dealing with for the sports facility use permits. Ms. Cannon states she signs off on all co-sponsored sports permits before they are submitted to Mr. Carollo, the permits have times and dates on them. Mr. Carollo then sends them back to the sport with dates and times that are good or not good. Mrs. Levinson states Mr. Carollo can speak to Ms. Cannon with any questions regarding co-sponsored permits. Mr. Carollo states he approves extending Tenafly Youth Basketballs times, however he cannot approve overtime for maintenance staff. Ms. Cannon will speak to the Business Administrator regarding this matter.

Mr. Carollo states he is concerned about the junior football program which is the feeder program for the high school. He inquires if the Recreation Department is open to paying coaches. Ms. Cannon states she is always open to paying coaches for the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams.

**IV. AUDIENCE:** Mayor Zinna wants to hear from the board as to what they want their role to be. Mrs. Levinson states the way the committee is functioning is not working, if it remains a committee it will have no power. Mr. Michaels asks if something changes if they become a commission. Mayor Zinna states a commission has a lot of power. Mrs. Levinson state the committee needs to help co-sponsored sports acquire volunteer coaches.

Mr. Reichel states the co-sponsored sports run their sports well. Mrs. Levinson states there is no longer recreation soccer there is only travel. Mr. Reichel states there is an abundance of travel flights where kids can play. Mr. Reichel states the committee is a sounding board to Ms. Cannon. Mr. Greeley asks if the committee has authority over recreation facilities and how they are used. Mayor Zinna states he will get the definition of a committee vs commission. A discussion ensued

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Mr. Michaels states at the joint use meeting he was told the Board of Education decided not to install netting on Geissinger Field. The Board of Education approved the Tennis Court locks. Ms. Cannon will speak to the buildings and grounds supervisor regarding the netting.

Mayor Zinna states the Board of Education and the council are discussing how best to invest in the Little League field this is a very preliminary discussion.

## V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. **Ice Rink**-Ms. Cannon reports the rink is currently open and will close on February 10<sup>th</sup>. The rink is open on Saturday and Sundays. Mrs. Levinson suggests we post on Tenafly Times.
2. **Wrestling**-Ms. Cannon reports the program has started, we have 30 wrestlers. Mr. Greeley states the younger wrestlers are amazing, we have new younger wrestlers, there are 5 girls out of 20 wrestlers and they are having a lot of fun. Our first meet is in January, Mr. Greeley states we are making progress and putting good wrestlers into the high school program  
Mr. Greeley states we have a good group of parent coaches. The clinics run by Red Nose are very good, the coach is an asset to the program he helps the athletes and coaches
3. **Winter Programs/Events**-Ms. Cannon reports there are 220 winter registrations and 580 special event registrations. We have new programs: Yin Yoga, Puzzle Palooza, Grab and Go crafts and pop up events in the Teen Center

## VI. OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Community/Skate plaza**-Ms. Cannon reports phase 2 is in this year's budget in the amount of \$100,000. Mr. Michaels states we should get moving on 1<sup>st</sup> phase, Ms. Cannon states the pricing went up need the phase 2 money to move forward with the project. Mrs. Levinson asks if the Recreation Board can make a recommendation to use open space money for phase 1 of the skate park. Mr. Michaels states the skate park will be put at the old Tenafly Swim Club. A discussion ensued
2. **Recreation Department Vacancies**-Ms. Cannon reports starting to interview soon for full time site supervisor, also will start looking for part time aide. Ms. Cannon reports the person needs to be qualified in outdoor work.
3. **Roosevelt Common Property**-Ms. Cannon reports she will have a rendering and quote next week.
4. **Recreation Center Meeting**-Ms. Cannon reports she went in front of the Council with her wish list. Mr. Greeley states property is opening up in the near future. Mr. Greeley states one property which may be available is the property adjacent to the recycling center.

Mr. Michaels asks what does the board want in budget. Ms. Cannon states a multi-use area at the old skate park, a new skate park, Tiger Cage turf which will cost \$84,000 and \$7,000 for fence repair. Ms. Cannon will be submitting a 5 year plan for Municipal Turf which will be needing at that time.

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Ms. Cannon states the resurfacing of the Tennis courts is in the DPW's budget.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Alpine/EMS/Mt. Carmel Facility Use-**Ms. Cannon asks Mrs. Lerner regarding Alpine field usage for Soccer. Mrs. Lerner would like to ask soccer to rotate where they use the field to spread usage around so it does not wear in the same spot. Ms. Cannon states Tenafly Youth Basketball is begin pushed out of gym space or private organizations. Mrs. Lerner will pass concerns on. Mr. Greeley suggest Ms. Cannon speak to St John Theologian Greek Church they have a gym.

**VIII. SPECIAL EVENTS: FYI**

- 1. Recreation Committee Reorganization Meeting:** Monday, January, 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 p.m.-Wilson Room
- 2. Sweetheart Dance:** TBD

Adjourned 8:58 pm

Mrs. Levinson motions to adjourn, Mr. Quiroga seconds the motion, all in favor the motion is carried.