

Approved January 8, 2024

**TENAFLY RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES NOVEMBER 13, 2023
Called to order 7:33 pm**

I. ROLL CALL: Michael Greeley, Glen Anderson, Chad Coleman, Angela Leone, Jamie Cannon, Carol Roux

ABSENT: Nahuel Quiroga, Gia Alvarez, David Reichel Amy Lerner-Alpine Liaison, Adam Michaels-Council Liaison

II. MINUTES: September 18, 2023-Mr. Anderson motions to accept the minutes, Ms. Leone seconds the motion, all in favor the motion is carried.

III. CORRESPONDENCE: Councilman Michaels states a letter be sent to USTA regarding a grant for redo the Tennis Courts on behalf of the Recreation Board. Ms. Cannon states she has completed the revenue sheet and awaiting the next step. Mr. Greeley asked how much the grant is. Ms. Cannon reports there are 3 tiers between \$50,000-\$100,000.

IV. AUDIENCE:

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Ms. Cannon congratulates Ms. Leone on her being elected to the Board of Education.

- 1. Football-** Ms. Cannon reports the season went well. We are currently planning the end of the season parties. Ms. Cannon states although our numbers are good, we need more players to account for injuries, illness, also the dedication is not there and players don't show up, we may need to look into merging with another town next year. Mr. Coleman asks if Ms. Cannon feels the kids are over scheduled. Mr. Greeley states the commitment is explained to parents and players and they still don't show up. Mr. Greeley states we will need to make the decision to merge early. Ms. Cannon reports we had 3 large squads for cheerleading, the high school has low numbers so building our program will help.
- 2. Fall Holiday Events-**Ms. Cannon reports we held our Halloween Haunted Forest with over 1,000 in attendance. We had the coffee truck To Gather in attendance as well as TVAC. Orly Chen donated a pumpkin patch. The DPW was very helpful in setting up our event with us. The Teen Center held their 2nd Annual Halloween Party with a large turnout, everyone had fun. Ms. Cannon reports the Teen Center will hold its 2nd Annual Friendsgiving on Friday, November 17th. Mr. Greeley asks Ms. Cannon to please add a Teen Center report to her Directors Report. Ms. Cannon reports that we are planning renovations for the Teen Center ie: painting, new couches, stools, play station, TV's, bean bag chairs. Mr. Coleman asks if we are missing reaching any grades. Ms. Cannon reports the school holds a Cottage Party for incoming 6th graders in June which she is in attendance, this includes a tour of the Teen Center. A discussion ensued.

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3. **Ice Rink**-Ms. Cannon reports the rink will not be put up this year. We are hoping to have the rink at a central location moving forward. Ms. Cannon reports we will still have the SMORE tables at our events. Mr. Greeley inquires about the Sweetheart Skate, Ms. Cannon reports we are planning to bring back the Sweetheart Dance around Valentine's Day.
4. **Winter Programs**-Ms. Cannon reports our Program Guide will be posted on 11/15. Ms. Cannon reports we have new programs including Computer Coding, Ms. Cannon asks the board for any new class suggestions. Mr. Greeley states he has signed his son up for gymnastics to help with Wrestling. Ms. Leone suggests an etiquette class. Mr. Coleman would like to see an event where different cultures are shared with the Community. Mr. Greeley suggests a gun safety class. Ms. Cannon states she will look into these suggestions.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Recreation Department Vacancies**-Ms. Cannon states we currently have an interim Borough Administrator and there is no Human Resource Department. Ms. Cannon reports both positions have been advertised again and only 1 resume has been received.
2. **2023 Capital Projects**- Ms. Cannon state projects are in the engineer stages for drawings and pricing. Multi-use cage/Pickle Ball courts, Tiger Cage turf, Skatepark, Municipal field beautification project (grant). Ms. Leone asks if there is still a chance to move the Pickle Ball Courts. A discussion ensued.
3. Ms. Leone asks how the Community Playdate went, Ms. Cannon states 30 people signed up and 7 actually attended.
4. Mr. Greeley asks that Ms. Cannon looks into fixing the fence at the Tiger Cage. Ms. Cannon states it was repaired 3 years ago with the highest grade fencing. Mr. Greeley asks Ms. Cannon to speak to the engineer on a better way to secure the fence.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **2024 Budget**- Ms. Cannon reports she has received her budget packet which is due in mid-December her Capital Items are Golf Cart, Municipal Field Turf 5 yr plan. Ms. Cannon explains the turf is 7 years old and the life span is 10 years. Mr. Anderson request a mountain bike trail and Frisbee Golf be considered in the space at the top of Highwood Ave. Ms. Leone requests a Splash Pad it was suggested possibly at Walnut Park. Mr. Coleman request an Amphitheater it was suggested possibly at Davis Johnson Park.

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2. **Volunteer Recognition Awards** –Ms. Cannon suggest we have awards to be presented at a Mayor & Council meeting to those volunteers who have given their time to the town, we could have different tiers. The board agrees and would like to move forward.
3. **Mobile Truck Vendor Ordinance**-Ms. Cannon explains when we ask a vendor to attend an event they must pay a permit fee each time and would like to ask the Mayor & Council to do a 1 year permit for vendors to attend our events. **Ms. Leone motions to allow an approved mobile truck vendor to receive a 1 year permit to attend Recreation invited events. Mr. Coleman seconds the motion, all in favor, the motion is carried.**
4. Mr. Coleman inquires what part the board has in the Recreation Center. Mr. Greeley states things are currently on hold. Ms. Cannon states she was told not to include this item in her budget, the engineer is currently working on it. Mr. Greeley states the decision will come from the Mayor & Council not the Recreation Board, however the operational budget will be from Recreation.

VIII. SPECIAL EVENTS: FYI

1. **Recreation Committee Meeting:** Monday, January 8th @ 7:30 p.m.-Wilson Room
2. **Visit with Santa:** Wednesday, December 13th @ 4:00pm-6:00pm-Peace Plaza

Adjourned: 9:08 pm

Mr. Coleman motions to adjourn, Ms. Leone seconds the motion, all in favor, the motion is carried.