

WYCKOFF DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
December 11, 2023

Doug Arone opened the Recreation Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Wyckoff Recreation Department with the reading of the Open Public Meetings Act. “This Regular meeting of the Wyckoff Department of Parks and Recreation Board is now in session. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting has been posted on the bulletin board in the Memorial Town Hall and the Recreation Office; a copy has been filed with the Township Clerk, *The Ridgewood News*, *The Record*, and *The North Jersey Herald and News*, all papers with general circulation throughout the Township of Wyckoff.” At least 48 hours prior to this meeting the agenda was similarly posted, filed and mailed to said newspapers.

Members Present: Rich Sica, Moe Ismael, Chris Beane, Tom Valente, Doug Arone, John Giovacco

Members Absent: Jen Saxton, Jeff Eischen, Mike Ferrara, Chris Perneti, Patti DePhillips

Staff Present: Andy Wingfield, Recreation Director

Tim Shanley, Liaison to the Township Committee

Guests Present: None

The minutes of the November 13, 2023 meeting were discussed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Moe Ismael and seconded by Chris Beane. The motion was carried.

Recreation Director’s Report:

Summer Day Camp for Grades K-5 and Grades 5-8:

The Director advised that the process to bid out our Summer Day Camps has begun. The Administrator will be putting the specifications together shortly and advertising the competitive bid. The results of this process will be communicated to the Board in the coming months.

Travel Basketball Head Coach Recommendations:

The Director presented the remaining list of volunteer Head Coaches for the 2023-24 season that were not covered due to tryouts for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade boys not being done yet during our last meeting. Tom Valente motioned to approve the entire list of volunteer coaches and John Giovacco seconded the motion. All were in favor of approving the list of remaining coaches. The Director advised the Board that we were able to put two 6th grade teams, two 7th grade teams, and one 8th grade team out. This is the first time the 6th grade group has had two teams. More kids tried out this year and the evaluators felt there was enough talent to have a second team at this level. At the 8th grade level, we could only put out one team due to insufficient numbers of boys trying out.

Travel Softball Teams Announced – Head Coach Recommendations:

The Director advised that tryouts for travel softball were completed in October and that the teams were announced to the players and families. The Director presented a list of Head Coaches for the 3/4th Grade team, U10 A team, U12 A team, U12 B team, and u14 team. After discussion, Chris Beane motioned to approve the list of head coaches and Tom Valente seconded the motion. All were in favor of the list of our 2024 Travel Softball Head Coaches.

Remaining 9u-14u Travel Baseball Head Coach Recommendations:

The Director presented the complete list of travel baseball coach recommendations to the Board after explaining that not every coach had been approved at the last meeting because not every coach had been assigned yet at that time. The list for these age levels is now complete. Doug Arone motioned to approve the remaining head coaches for travel baseball and Chris Beane seconded the motion. All were in favor.

8u Travel Baseball Tryouts Announced:

The Director announced that he has secured both the facility and the independent baseball evaluation group for the 8u travel baseball tryouts. They will be held on two separate dates; Monday, January 8th from 4-5:30 for the first half of the alphabet and Tuesday, January 9th, 2024 from 4-5:30 for the second half of the alphabet. The tryouts will take place at PS2 in Wayne, NJ.

Winter Sports Have Begun:

The Director reported that our winter sports programming is underway with basketball, roller hockey, and wrestling having begun their practices and games.

Election of 2020 Recreation Board Chairperson:

The Director advised that the Board needed to elect a chairperson for 2024. Doug Arone was once again nominated by Rich Sica, and Tom Valente seconded the nomination. All in attendance were in favor. Mr. Arone accepted the nomination and will continue to serve as Chairperson in the new year.

Open Comment Period:

Report from Board Members:

New or Old Business:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Wingfield
Director, Wyckoff Recreation & Parks