

WYCKOFF DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING

October 15, 2007

Andy Wingfield opened the Recreation Board Meeting at 7:35 p.m. in the Recreation Office 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: Andy Wingfield, Ray Parra, Richard Weiner, Jim Madormo, Gary Ward, Dan Hartigan, Heidi Misovic, Russell Whiteman

Staff Present: Andy Wingfield, Recreation Director

Absent: Bill Van Thunen, Andy Kupec

- A motion to approve the minutes from the prior meeting was approved. All present were in favor.

Recreation Director's Report:

Administrative Information:

- In the future all meeting minutes will be posted on the town website, www.wyckoff-nj.com, for convenient viewing for the public.

Background checks:

- A packet describing criminal background checks as performed by the State of New Jersey was distributed. It explains what is checked and the fees charged. The cost estimate for current coaches and assistants in the first year would be approximately \$25-\$30,000 with costs drastically lower than that in subsequent years due to the high frequency of coach 'overlap' from season to season. Additional administrative work will be created for the Recreation Office and the Police Department as well, possibly requiring additional part time help in the Recreation Department. The Township Committee will have extensive input into any recommendation the Recreation Board makes. A memo to the Township Committee will be written by Andy and Rich requesting guidance, assistance, and support in this endeavor. Franklin Lakes, Oakland, Paramus, Washington Township, River Edge, and Ridgewood were contacted. All of these towns are either conducting background checks currently, or are in the same stages we are, discussing the merits and possibilities of this program.

Tennis Court Improvement Project:

- Electrical work for the tennis court lighting is underway. French drains have been installed by the Wyckoff DPW and asphalt for the base of the tennis court is complete. The bid opening will be tomorrow at 10:00am for the installation of the new courts and fencing.

Registrations:

- Registrations for roller hockey and competitive cheerleading are underway and registration for winter basketball and wrestling and spring lacrosse is coming up on 10/27 & 11/3.

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Program Notes:

- Wrestling: We have been using Olympic Gym in Wyckoff for the past two winters. While this was extremely successful from a wrestling standpoint, we had to take the earlier times (4:00-6:30pm) making it very difficult to attract and retain coaches due to the parents' work schedules. Because our two head coaches will be leaving the program shortly, we need to get back to later practices (6-9pm) to begin the process of finding more coaches and directors for the wrestling program. Ramapo High School has allowed us the use of their lower gym two nights a week from 6-9pm so we will not be incurring the cost of Olympic Gym this year. Because of this, the registration fee can be lowered to \$55 from \$80. Andy recommended that the fee be reduced to \$55 and took a vote. All members present were in favor of lowering the wrestling registration fee to \$55.

Camps:

- Jim Ciarlo, Eisenhower School's Athletic Director, and President of Youth Sports Training, Inc. requested permission to operate a baseball and softball camp at Memorial Field during the Spring Break of 2008. The board discussed whether or not there would be enough interest to warrant such a camp. A board consensus existed that several people stay in town during spring break and a morning camp during Spring Break would be very well received. Andy will work with Bob Shannon to draft a bid specification for a baseball/softball Spring Break Camp at Memorial Field.

A motion to adjourn was made. All present were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22

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Respectfully submitted,
Russell Whiteman
Secretary