

WYCKOFF DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING

December 17, 2007

Andy Wingfield opened the Recreation Board Meeting at 7:30 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: Mayor Dave Connolly, Bill Van Thunen, Richard Weiner, James Madormo, Ray Papera, Russell Whiteman, Heidi Misovic, Laura Morris and Andy Kupec

Staff Present: Andy Wingfield, Recreation Director

Absent: Gary Ward, Dan Hartigan

- A motion was made to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2007 meeting. All present were in favor.

Recreation Director's Report:

Coach Background Checks:

- Andy reported that the Township Committee has approved further research into Background Checks of volunteer coaches. The Committee reviewing similar ordinances from surrounding towns in order to pass an ordinance for the Township. Andy continues to research cost, avenues for background check completions, and procedures to complete checks. In all likelihood, background checks will be underway sometime in 2008 or, at the latest, early in 2009.

Spring Registration:

- Spring registration for T-ball (boys and girls), baseball (boys) and softball (girls) is upcoming January 26, 2008 and February 2, 2008. Andy reminded the Board that we have approved allowing 9th graders that DO NOT play on their high school team to participate on recreation team this year.

Winter Recreation Basketball:

- Recreation Basketball: A list of all recreation head basketball coaches was distributed to all members present. After reviewing the names of volunteer coaches, a motion was made to approve all candidates. All were in favor of approving the list of head coaches recommended by the Director.

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New Business:

- 11u Travel Baseball: An update regarding the 11u boys travel basketball team was given by Rich Weiner and Andy. A meeting with the parents of the entire team was held on Sunday evening with Recreation Board President Weiner and Director Andy Wingfield in attendance. Due to several complaints regarding last year's team and the manner in which it was coached, the head coach resigned his position just prior to the meeting. The meeting focused on the issues that the team had, the changes that would have to be made in order to keep the boys playing summer baseball in Wyckoff (rather than leaving town for Club baseball), and the possibilities for a new head coach. No one stepped forward at the meeting to volunteer to coach the team but the meeting ended positively with most in attendance feeling that their children would continue to play baseball in Wyckoff next summer. Registration for travel baseball is being held in February and the situation will be monitored by Director Andy Wingfield.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Whiteman
Secretary