

**WYCKOFF DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**February 11, 2008**

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: Ray Papera, Rich Weiner, Jim Madormo, Gary Ward, Heidi Misovic, Russ Whiteman, Frank Rocchio, Laura Morris

Staff Present: Andy Wingfield, Recreation Director; Joe Fiorenzo, Township Committee Liaison

Public Present: Sue Nochta

Absent: Andy Kupec, Dan Hartigan, Keith Karsian

Competitive Cheerleading:

- A situation occurred at a Competitive Cheerleading meet involving the head coach pulling two girls by their arms to speak to them about their behavior prior to walking out to their competition. The parents of the girls were upset that the girls were touched by the coach and requested that the Rec Board consider disciplining the coach. After discussing the situation and subsequent to the meeting, the coach was advised that her conduct was inappropriate and that she should apologize to the girls and request that she get an assistant coach to help her with all of the girls at practices and meets. This was all accomplished post-meeting and everyone involved was satisfied.

Recreation Director's Report:

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

Lacrosse:

- At an independent lacrosse practice organized by a Wyckoff parent, a lacrosse assistant coach in our program and one of our players were involved in a discussion following a minor fight at the practice between two of the participants. Since there had been a problem between the coach and the parents last year, the parents were very upset again at what the coach said to their son and to the mom after the incident. They called the recreation office during the week and requested the coach be restricted from coaching lacrosse in the spring. Prior to the recreation board meeting, the coach agreed to step down as an assistant coach for the spring and the situation will be revisited next year if he chooses to coach again.

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Coach Background Checks:

- Andy reported that Bob Shannon, the Township Administrator, is attempting to facilitate all housekeeping items so the coach background checks may start this May with the football program.

Spring Registration:

- Spring registration is complete and over 1000 children between 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade have registered to play baseball and softball. Lacrosse has an additional 230 children registered.

Policy Discussion:

- Andy brought up a policy change idea regarding limiting travel coach terms to 2 years rather than the current policy of 3 years. The Board is going to consider this over the next 30 days and tabled the discussion to the next meeting.
- Laura Morris also raised the issue of travel players who quit mid-season should not be eligible to tryout for that team the following year: This idea is based on the concept that the boy or girl that quits mid-season is putting his or her team at a tremendous disadvantage and should not be permitted to play in the following season. The board will consider and tabled this discussion to the next meeting as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Whiteman  
Secretary