

WYCKOFF DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
April 21, 2014

Tom Valente 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.

Present: Andy Wingfield, Tom Valente, Ed Pettit, Heather Alnor, Moe Ismael, Robert Lahue, Doug Arone, Peter McGuire, and Brian Scanlan.

Absent: Chris Vanuga, Sue Buchanan, Russ Whiteman, Jeff Eischen

Guests Present: None

The minutes of the March meeting were discussed. A motion to approve the minutes of the 3/10/14 meeting was made by Tom Valente and seconded by Heather Alnor. All present were in favor.

Recreation Director's Report:

Soccer Registration Complete

Participation has remained healthy and the number of players is in line with previous years.

Travel Softball Developments & Head Coach Recommendation

Andy reported that only seven girls signed up for the u14 travel softball program. Since there isn't enough for a full team, they will play for neighboring towns instead: six girls will play for Oakland and one will play for Midland Park. Unfortunately, there will not be a u12 travel team either due to lack of interest. Only 11 girls registered and when advised by Andy that this 11 would make up the u12 team for 2014, four responded to Andy that they would not be playing. That left only 7 girls whom Andy advised that this would not be enough to field a team. There is excitement at the younger level of u10, however. A preseason clinic was set up for the girls trying out to develop their skills and 23 girls tried out for the team. 13 were taken and the group looks to a very strong and skilled team. Andy recommended Josh Lont for the u10 Head Coach position. He was approved unanimously by the Board.

Roller Hockey Season Complete

The Midget American team, head coached by Patrick Fogarty, had a great season and won the Midget American Division Championship.

Recreation Lacrosse Underway

Games have commenced for the 2014 season. Weather has taken its toll on several fields and has required the cancellation of several games but the teams are looking forward to better weather and being able to practice and play games on a more regular basis.

Opening Day Pitch, Hit, & Run Took Place Saturday

The Pitch, Hit, & Run was a resounding success with over 340 kids participating. Planned by Andy and a combined effort from the Baseball & Softball Boosters, Andy communicated that without the help of Mike Ferrara, the Baseball Boosters President, the event would not have been so well organized and successful. Feedback on the event was that the children and parents preferred this event over the parade and a great time was had by all. Several of the participants will move on to the Sectional Finals in Allendale on May 17th.

First Rec Baseball and Softball Games Tonight (4/21)

There are many levels competing tonight with Franklin Lakes, Oakland, and Allendale. The players are also excited about their new minor league uniforms.

Suburban News Baseball Article

Andy shared an article from the Suburban News that reported baseball/softball participation in most of the towns in our area is down significantly but that our numbers in Wyckoff are actually up this year with many more travel level players participating in the action.

Town Hall Compliance: Anti-Harassment Meeting on 4/22 or 4/26, No Tolerance and Rights & Duties of a Volunteer Videos

Andy reminded the Board of their requirement to attend one of these meetings and watch the Rights and Duties & No Tolerance videos on the MEL website.

Report from Board Members:

Nothing formally introduced or discussed.

New or Old Business:

Concerns regarding uniform ordering were discussed again. Andy explained that one of the reasons our travel basketball uniforms come in either right on time, or sometimes late, is because we wait to order the uniforms until tryouts are complete. Some towns order well in advance of tryouts and guess on sizing so Andy is going to discuss this idea with our vendors.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Moe Ismael
Wyckoff Board of Parks and Recreation