

**WYCKOFF DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
May 12, 2014**

Tom Valente opened the Recreation Board Meeting at 7:40 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, Sue Buchanan, Doug Arone, and Brian Scanlan.

Absent: Russ Whiteman, Jeff Eischen, Peter McGuire, Chris Vanuga

Guests Present: None

The minutes of the April meeting were discussed. A motion to approve the minutes of the 4/21/14 meeting was made by Tom Valente and seconded by Moe Ismael. All present were in favor.

Recreation Director's Report:

Recreation Baseball Discussion – 3/4th Grade

Parent concerns regarding the level of play had been brought to the Recreation Director. After investigating them, as an initial response the recreation director adjusted the mound position to improve pitching accuracy. The board discussed possible changes to the program to improve the children's experience. To further accommodate a wide range of skills two divisions may be created if 2015 registration numbers permit. Another option may be to split 3rd and 4th graders next season if numbers permit.

Registration for Football and Cheerleading Ongoing

Registration for these two programs will be completed on 5/13/14. Program is getting expected response and Andy will have final numbers for the Board at next month's meeting.

Football Jersey Discussion

Andy advised that starting in 2014, the participants in football will be purchasing their own game jerseys and will be able to keep them after the season. The new football jerseys are being purchased for the program with the \$50 cost being split evenly between the Wyckoff Football Boosters and the participants' parents for this year only. There will be no home and away colors as the new jersey will be a neutral color (gray with green/black/white) and Andy has secured permission from the league and the football referee assignors to wear these colors. Limiting the players to one jersey will help keep costs down for the parents in the future.

Recommendation of Football Program Director

The recreation director recommended Pat O'Hagan for football program director. A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Sue Buchanan and seconded by Tom Valente. All present were in favor.

Recommendation of Football Head Coaches

The recreation director recommended Keith Woetzel for Pee-wee Head Coach, Josh Braen for Junior Head Coach coach, Pat O'Hagan for Senior Head coach. These three gentlemen are all non-parent volunteers. A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Sue Buchanan and seconded by Tom Valente. All present were in favor.

Men's Softball Discussion

Physical confrontations between prior year participants were discussed. The board recommended to refuse registration to one of the past participants for the 2014 season. The recreation director will communicate the suspension to the participant.

Turf Field Officially Coming to Wyckoff

Sue Buchanan announced that phase one construction of the turf field at Pulis will begin in August. Fundraising efforts to date have been successful and will continue so that lights and other amenities can eventually be added.

Report from Board Members:

Brian Scanlan announced the formation of a Recreation Strategic Planning Task Force whose role would be to review and make recommendations on town recreation programs. More details will follow on this initiative.

New or Old Business:

No new or old business was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Lahue
Wyckoff Board of Parks and Recreation