

WYCKOFF DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
November 15, 2016

Tom Valente opened the Recreation Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Courtroom of Town Hall at 340 Franklin Avenue 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:, Heather Alnor, Tom Valente, Sue Buchanan, Chris Beane, Moe Ismael
Members Absent: Jeff Eischen, Doug Arone, Rich Sica, Hayley Rooney, Ed Pettit
Staff Present: Andy Wingfield, Recreation Director
Brian Scanlan, Township Committee Liaison to Recreation Board

The minutes of the October 17, 2016 meeting were discussed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Sue Buchanan and seconded by Chris Beane. The motion was carried.

Recreation Director’s Report:

Football Season Complete:

The Director reported that the 2016 Recreation Football Season came to an end on Sunday, November 6th. All of our teams participated in the NBJFL playoffs with our PeeWee program winning the Super Bowl over previously undefeated Northern Highlands. Coach Eric Knight and his staff did a tremendous job preparing our team for the season. The league itself also reported very positive feedback on the playoff structure and has already heard from several other towns and programs that they would be interested in learning more about the NBJFL. Our Football Boosters, under the leadership of Andrew Basa and Roger Schnorrbusch, had another tremendous year raising funds for our program and making Wyckoff Football something that visitors to our town speak very positively about. Work is already underway to bring more teams into the league making for an even more positive experience for all involved.

Recreation Volleyball:

The Director shared a letter with the Board from a resident whose daughter participated in the second year of our Recreation Volleyball program. The letter was very complimentary of the program and of its Director. The letter thanks the Township for conducting this program and for giving her daughter an experience where she felt included and could excel with the confidence that Coach Parks gave her and all the other participants.

Rolley Hockey Rink and Memorial Basketball Court Resurfacing Complete:

The Director reported that two major projects have been completed at our Memorial Field facility. The Roller Hockey Rink has been upgraded tremendously by the elimination of the former surface which had developed very large cracks throughout the last couple years. Additionally, the Memorial Basketball Courts have been resurfaced and relined and the baskets, including the poles and backboards, have also been replaced. Thanks to the financial assistance from an Open Space County Grant which funded half of the project, and the amazing work of the

Township DPW crew, these projects were completed under budget and have improved the facility aesthetically and have improved the safety level for the participants that play there.

Recreation Basketball Head Coach Recommendations:

The Director presented a list of Recreation Basketball head coaches for the 2016-17 winter season to the Board for discussion and approval. The Director informed the Board that all of the volunteers listed have taken the Rutgers Safety Course, have submitted to a Criminal Background Check, and have taken an online Concussion Awareness course. After a motion to approve the list of head coaches was made by Tom Valente and seconded by Heather Alnor, the Board unanimously approved the list.

Travel Basketball Tryouts Complete:

The Director reported that our second year of utilizing an independent evaluating company for our travel basketball tryouts is complete. The teams have been formed and the results have been communicated to the families. For the upcoming basketball season, and based on the amount of children that tried out at each level, the Township will have one 3rd grade boys team and two boys teams at every level from 4th through 8th grade. For the girls, we will have one team at every level starting at 3rd grade through 8th grade with a second team at the 6th grade level. In 3rd grade boys, it was ultimately decided to carry a full 3rd grade team of 14 boys instead of only taking the 5 best performers at the tryouts and placing them on 4th grade teams. The 3rd grade coaches will be deciding shortly on whether to split the boys up into two separate teams of 7, or to have one team and split them into 3 groups of 4 or 5 and have two groups come to each game so that only 9 or 10 are at each game. The Board recommended strongly against splitting the team in two in 3rd grade so that the younger boys could play with everyone over the course of the year rather than playing with the same group all year.

Travel Basketball Head Coach Recommendations:

The Director presented a list of volunteer Head Coaches for our 18 travel teams to the Board for approval. After a lengthy discussion and a subsequent motion to approve was made by Chris Beane and seconded by Heather Alnor, all Head Coaches were approved by the Board.

Travel Baseball Head Coach Recommendations:

The Director presented a list of volunteer Head Coaches for our 10 travel baseball teams to the Board for approval. This list included the 9u program through 14u. 8u tryouts will occur in March of 2017. Chris Beane made a motion to approve the list of Coaches and Moe Ismael seconded the motion. All coaches were approved unanimously by the Board.

Facility Use Request Reviews/Approvals:

The Director requested the Board review the following field use applications, based on the Township's procedure of involving the Recreation Board in the approval process for field rental after a review of the paperwork by the Recreation Director and Township Administrator. Five applications were discussed by the Board and approved for use/rental. The applications at this meeting included the following:

1. EDP – this is a local soccer training organization requesting the use of Wyckoff Pulis Field for the purpose of conducting a training session for local soccer players, primarily those affiliated with the Torpedoes Soccer Club. The revenue from this one time facility rental would be \$300.

The Director advised the Board that that his review with the Township Administrator of the applications, Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreements, and Certificates of Insurance for all of the requests determined the applications to be in order.

The Recreation Board unanimously approved all of the above applications after a motion to approve them was made by Sue Buchanan and seconded by Chris Beane.

Fall Recreation Seasons Winding Down

The Director reported that in addition to Football ending on November 6th, our Recreation Volleyball and Soccer programs are also coming to their conclusions for this season. Feedback on the fall programs has been overwhelmingly positive and the Recreation Department is now in full preparation mode for the winter recreation season which will include Recreation & Travel Basketball, Wrestling, Roller Hockey, and another session of both Chess Club and Arts and Crafts Club in January and February.

Facility Maintenance Contracts Awarded

The Director advised that the yearly contracts for the Recreation Office Cleaning, Facility Portable Restroom Supply, Field Irrigation, and Bathroom Maintenance at the Recreation Office, Community Park, and Pulis Field have been awarded to various vendors after price quotes were requested from vendors across the area. By obtaining price quotes, the Department is able to secure the best possible costs for these items by promoting competition among vendors.

Open Comment Period:

No comment.

Report from Board Members:

None

New or Old Business:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Wingfield
Director, Wyckoff Recreation & Parks