

WYCKOFF DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
February 7, 2022

Doug Arone opened the Recreation Board Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m. 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: Doug Arone, John Giovacco, Chris Beane, Jeff Eischen, Jen Saxton, Moe Ismael, Mike Ferrara, Chris Perneti

Members Absent: Sue Buchanan, Rich Sica

Staff Present: Recreation Director, Andy Wingfield

Township Committee Liaison to Recreation Board, Tim Shanley

The minutes of the January 10, 2022 meeting were discussed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Doug Arone and seconded by Moe Ismael. The motion was carried.

Recreation Director Report:

8u Travel Baseball Tryouts Taking Place This Week:

The Director advised the Board that the 2022 8u travel baseball tryouts are taking place on February 8 and February 9 at the NJ Sports House in Oakland with the same independent baseball training facility running the tryouts for us that we have utilized over the past several years. Almost 50 children are trying out this year and, with the recommendation from the Board at a previous meeting, the plan is to have a 1st grade 8u team along with two 2nd grade 8u teams. The Director hopes to finalize these plans by the end of the week after the tryout results are known.

Travel Baseball Head Coach Recommendations:

The Director provided a list of two additional Head Coaches for our Travel Baseball program at the 12u and 14u levels who had not been selected yet at the time of the previous coach approvals. After brief discussion, Tom Valente motioned to accept the two additional Head Coaches as recommended and Jen Saxton seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Boys and Girls Lacrosse Head Coach Recommendations:

The Director provided a list of Head Coach recommendations for boys and girls lacrosse, grades 3-8. The Board reviewed the names and after a motion from Tom Valente and a second from Chris Perneti, the Board unanimously approved the list of coaches.

Recreation Baseball & Softball Registration Complete

The Director advised that registration for Recreation Baseball and Softball are complete. Both Recreation Baseball and Softball are significantly higher than last year's numbers and all levels

will have sufficient teams to play against, including those levels where we participate with adjoining towns like Franklin Lakes and Oakland. The Director pointed out that we have 120 boys signed up for Kindergarten T-ball which is approximately 40% higher than we normally have. Our three 7/8th grade baseball teams will once again compete in a larger inter-town league that will give the recreation players more of a 'travel' feel as they compete against teams from Mahwah, Upper Saddle River, Waldwick, Oakland, Franklin Lakes and more. It does not appear, once again, that we will have enough interest at the 7/8th grade girls softball level to run a program.

Facility Use/Rental Applications Review:

The Director requested the Board review the following field use application, 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. Two applications were discussed by the Board and approved for use/rental. The applications at this meeting included the following:

1. Play at the Plate – a local adult baseball league who has utilized our fields for the past several years, is once again requesting the use of Wyckoff Memorial Field Baseball Facility, 340 Franklin Avenue for the purpose of holding their spring and summer games on Sunday mornings. The estimated revenue from this facility rental would be \$1500.

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

Finding the application in order and discussing the history of successful use by both programs, the Recreation Board unanimously approved all of the above applications after a motion to approve them was made by Chris Beane and seconded by Jeff Eischen.

Wrestling Singlets Purchased:

The Director reported that, after discussion with the Wrestling Program Director and coaches, the decision was made to purchase more singlets for the program. Inventory was low for especially the older wrestlers and singlets hadn't been purchased in a few years. The singlets have been received and the participants are thrilled with the updated design and happy to be wearing new uniforms.

New Memorial Field Project:

The Department has initiated a new project at the Memorial Turf Cage facility which involves adding two sections of lights for that area. In the past, the lights on Roller Hockey and the basketball courts would have to be turned on to illuminate that area and now we will have the ability to simply light the cage which will be extremely more cost effective. The project should be completed sometime in March. The Torpedoes Soccer Club, being the original funder of this facility will be the main beneficiary of this project and will, therefore, have volunteered to contribute the majority of the funding for the lights.

Ramapo and Wyckoff Teams to be Honored at Township Committee Meeting:

The Ramapo Boys Soccer Team, winner of the Bergen County Tournament Championship in 2021, will be honored at the next Township Committee meeting on February 15th. Along with the Ramapo team, the Wyckoff Junior and Senior Football teams will also be honored for completing their football seasons in the fall with league championships. The Township is proud of the current and former Wyckoff Recreation participants who contributed toward the amazing seasons.

Travel Basketball Discussion:

The Director brought the Board up to date on a couple of issues that arose during the past month at travel basketball. The Director had to issue a warning to a parent that addressed a coach immediately following a game about playing time, and another issue arose about whether our program was affiliated with the Eisenhower sports program (we are not affiliated in any way). Both matters are closed and there were no further incidents to close out the respective seasons.

Upcoming Registrations:

The Director advised that registrations for Soccer, Football, Cheerleading, Tennis Clinics, Adult Team Tennis, Chess Class, and Summer Camp are all opening in March and April. The Director will continue to keep the Board apprised of registration numbers as we move further into the year.

Free Throw Champs!

The Board was made aware that TJ Shanley recently won the 7u boys division of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Shooting Contest at St. Elizabeth's Church last month. Also, Toni Perneti won the 13u girls division of the contest. Both fathers were congratulated for their children's accomplishments.

The Board adjourned at 7:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Wingfield
Director, Wyckoff Parks & Recreation