

**WYCKOFF DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**  
**March 14, 2022**

Doug Arone opened the Recreation Board Regular Meeting at 7:34 p.m. at the Wyckoff Recreation Department 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, Jen Saxton, Chris Perneti, Tom Valente

Members Absent: Sue Buchanan, Mike Ferrara, Jeff Eischen, Moe Ismael, Rich Sica

Staff Present: Recreation Director, Andy Wingfield

Township Committee Liaison to Recreation Board, Tim Shanley

The minutes of the February 7, 2022 meeting were discussed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Chris Beane and seconded by John Giovacco. The motion was carried.

**Recreation Director Report:**

**Recreation and Travel Basketball – Season Complete:**

The Director reported that the Recreation and Travel Basketball seasons for most of our boys and girls in grades 2-8 has come to a completion. There are still a couple girls championship games to be played at the travel level. The recreation championship games for the 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade levels were held on March 12<sup>th</sup> which brought the season to a close. The Director reported that our 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys “B” team won their league championship on Friday night, March 11<sup>th</sup> and advised that our 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls are set to play Wayne PAL this coming week in their championship. The season was a success with many positive comments from parents during the season.

**8u Travel Baseball Tryouts Complete:**

The Director reported that almost 50 boys tried out for the Wyckoff 8u Travel Baseball teams and based on those numbers and positive results at the tryouts, the Department has announced that we will have three 8u teams for the first time in Wyckoff Recreation history. One team is made up of all 1<sup>st</sup> graders while the other two teams were evenly split among the age eligible 2<sup>nd</sup> graders who performed well at the tryouts. The Director presented the list of three head coaches for the 8u level and after a motion by Chris Beane and a second by Jen Saxton, all 3 head coaches were unanimously approved.

**Lacrosse:**

The Director reported that Boys and Girls Lacrosse practices have begun and that games will start up in April.

**Facility Use/Rental Applications Review:**

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. Two applications were discussed by the Board and approved for use/rental. The applications at this meeting included the following:

1. Wyckoff YMCA – the YMCA requested the use of one tennis court on Saturday mornings in the spring.
2. Challenge U – the softball training facility based in Wyckoff is requesting use of a field for the spring for their team practices. This use will not interfere with our own programming.

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 Tom Valente and seconded by Chris Perneti.

**Registration Underway for Football, Cheer, Spring Tennis, Adult Team Tennis, and Chess Class:**

The Director reported that registrations are underway for the above programs and that we would run registrations for Soccer, Girls Volleyball, and Summer Camp starting in April.

**Football Update:**

The Director recently attended the first football league meeting of 2022 and reported some ideas that came out of the meeting to the Board. Some of the ideas included an increase in the weight limits so that more children could play, eliminating onside kicks at the senior level, and more. The Board discussed these ideas and provided the Director with input. The Director advised that he would report back to the Board after the next meeting in which these issues would be voted on.

The Board adjourned at 8:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Wingfield  
Director, Wyckoff Parks & Recreation