

**WYCKOFF DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**  
**April 11, 2022**

Doug Arone opened the Recreation Board Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Wyckoff Public Library 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, Jeff Eischen, Jen Saxton, Moe Ismael, Mike Ferrara, Tom Valente, Rich Sica, Chris Perneti, Chris Beane

Members Absent: Sue Buchanan

Staff Present: Recreation Director, Andy Wingfield

Township Committee Liaison to Recreation Board, Tim Shanley

The minutes of the March 14, 2022 meeting were discussed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Tom Valente and seconded by Mike Ferrara. The motion was carried.

**Recreation Director Report:**

**Recreation Baseball/Softball Beginning – Head Coach Recommendations:**

The Director advised the Board that the Recreation Baseball and Softball program will officially begin playing games on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> for all boys and girls in grades K-8. The Director presented a list of head coaches for both sports for approval. After brief discussion, John Giovacco motioned to approve the entire list of coaches and Chris Perneti seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Memorial Field Concession Stand/Bathroom Update:**

Mr. Shanley updated the Board on the progress of the new concession stand construction and explained to the Board that there was some discussion as to whether the bathrooms for the field would be contained within the concession stand building or if they would be housed in a separate small building off of the concession stand. After much discussion by the Board, it was requested that the Director notify the Township Committee of its desire to house the bathrooms in a separate structure in order to give the program more room within the building for storage, meeting area, and a larger concession area. The Director advised that he would email the Township Administrator with the recommendation.

**Lacrosse:**

The Director reported that Wyckoff Lacrosse Day will take place at Pulis Field on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> and invited the Recreation Board to attend if even for a few minutes. It’s an exciting day of lacrosse across all age levels of boys and girls.

### **Fall Registrations Ongoing:**

The Director advised the Board that, in addition to Summer Camp registration opening, sign ups for Recreation Soccer, Football, Cheerleading, and Girls Volleyball have opened as well and will run until the middle of May. Updates on registration numbers will be provided in future meetings.

### **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. BBL (Building Blocks Lacrosse) – This local club lacrosse organization would like to rent out Pulis Field during the summer months. They have previously used the field during the same time period in conjunction with the Wyckoff YMCA but that relationship has come to an end. The potential income for this rental would be close to \$9,000 for the summer.
2. Teels Baseball – This club baseball company, based in Wyckoff, would like to utilize the township's baseball and softball fields at Memorial and Community Park during non-recreation use times in the spring, summer and fall. They have rented our fields for years without incident. The potential income for the three seasons will be around \$6000.

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 Rich Sica and seconded by Jeff Eischen.

### **Tennis Court Memberships – Out of Towners:**

The Director asked the Board, after receiving several requests from non-residents to offer a membership instead of charging them \$10 every time they come to the tennis courts (current policy). The Director explained that the \$10 charge each time is administratively very difficult and takes more time per non-resident than it's worth. One member expressed concern that offering a membership may bring too many people to the already busy courts but the Director explained that they're already visiting and that the concern is that we're wasting a lot of time and energy trying to collect the \$10 each time. Tom Valente came up with the idea of providing a ticket book of 20 passes or so and charging a higher amount than the residents would pay for their yearly membership. After discussion, it was agreed that this would be a much more efficient way of collecting from the non-residents and that \$150 for the 20 passes would be a fair price. The Director will look to implement this new procedure prior to the next meeting.

**Football Update:**

As of this moment, football registration is up significantly from last year. There are over 40 seniors registered, over 70 juniors, and over 60 peewees. This will present a significant challenge for the 2022 season as finding games for 4 teams per level for the peewees and juniors will be extremely difficult. Equipment purchases will have to be made as well in order to ensure we can outfit the entire program. The Board was pleased with the increased numbers in football.

**Report From Board Members:**

None

**New Business:**

None

**Old Business:**

None

The Board adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Wingfield  
Director, Wyckoff Parks & Recreation