

**WYCKOFF DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**  
**May 16, 2022**

Doug Arone opened the Recreation Board Regular Meeting at 7:30 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, Mike Ferrara, Tom Valente, Rich Sica, Chris Perneti, Chris Beane

Members Absent: Sue Buchanan, Jeff Eischen, Jen Saxton, Moe Ismael

Staff Present: Recreation Director, Andy Wingfield

Township Committee Liaison to Recreation Board, Tim Shanley by telephone due Covid symptoms

The minutes of the April 11, 2022 meeting were discussed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Chris Beane and seconded by Rich Sica. The motion was carried.

**Recreation Director Report:**

**Recreation Soccer – Collaboration with Torpedoes:**

The Director advised the Board that the Recreation Department is in discussion with the Torpedoes Soccer Club regarding working together again in the fall to maximize participation in Recreation Soccer. Last year, the Torpedoes gave financial incentives in the form of program credits for all Torpedoes players to participate in recreation soccer and also ran a soccer camp in the summer. The Torpedoes have advised that these efforts did cost them a significant amount of money and they are discussing what they can do to help in the upcoming fall season.

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

Mr. Shanley updated the Board on the state of the concession stand project at Memorial Field. Last month, he had advised the Board that the Township Committee was considering whether to approve a small, separate building which would hold the public restrooms. After much deliberation, the Township Committee voted 3-2 in favor of the separate bathrooms and construction has begun on this important project.

**Travel Baseball & Softball:**

The Director reported that Wyckoff Travel Baseball and Softball teams are wrapping up their spring seasons and that the summer seasons would begin at the start of June. One of our 8u baseball teams won the spring league championship recently and at the time of these minutes being written, our 9u and 11u teams had also won their divisions of the Bergen County Charity Classic, a Memorial Day baseball tournament held in various parts of the county. All of our baseball and softball teams are looking forward to their summer seasons.

**Lacrosse Day:**

The Director invited the Board to attend Wyckoff Lacrosse Day, coming up this Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. The day will be filled with fun, games, and food, along with all of our boys and girls teams competing throughout the day.

**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 PBA 261 – The Wyckoff Police Department applied to use Community Park for its annual PBA Softball Tournament with other local Police Departments.

The Director advised the Board that that his review of the application, Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement, and Certificate of Insurance for this request determined the applications to be in order.

Finding the application in order and discussing the history of successful use by the group, the Recreation Board unanimously approved all of the above applications after a motion to approve them was made by Tom Valente and seconded by John Giovacco.

**Seasonal Salaries Increasing:**

The Director reported to the Board that the Township Administrator had recently alerted various departments within the Township, including the Recreation Department, that the minimum wage for seasonal employees had increased and that each department was required to update its wages for its seasonal employees. The Recreation Department will begin to implement the increased wages immediately.

**Report From Board Members:**

None

**New Business:**

None

**Old Business:**

None

The Board adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andy Wingfield  
Director, Wyckoff Parks & Recreation