

WYCKOFF DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
July 11, 2022

Doug Arone opened the Recreation Board Regular Meeting at 7:30pm 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, Moe Ismael, Jen Saxton, Rich Sica, Chris Perneti, Chris Beane
Members Absent: Tom Valente, Sue Buchanan, John Giovacco, Mike Ferrara, Jeff Eischen

Staff Present: Andy Wingfield, Recreation Director
Township Committee Liaison to Recreation Board, Tim Shanley

The minutes of the June 11, 2022 meeting were discussed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Doug Arone and seconded by Rich Sica. The motion was carried.

Recreation Director Report:

Memorial Turf Field – Update on Construction

The Director updated the Board on the construction progress at Memorial Field. Framing has begun in the concession stand as well as plumbing and electrical work. The Director and DPW Manager met with an architect to discuss the plans for the new press box and bathroom facility to be built and we expect drawings to be completed over the next month or so.

Travel Baseball and Softball Season:

The Director reported that the travel baseball season will be coming to a close within the next week as the teams head toward the playoffs this week. Travel softball will run through at least the end of July and some teams will compete in the playoffs until the first week of August. The two 12u Baseball teams are heading to Cooperstown Dreamspark on July 22nd to compete against teams across the country as our teams do every year.

Summer Volleyball & Cheerleading Clinics Complete Successful Weeks

The Director reported that over 40 girls participated in the 2 week girls Volleyball clinic this month and another 20 girls joined in the fun at the Cheerleading clinic last week. The town approved Lacrosse Summer Camp run by Emerge Lacrosse also ran at the end of June and our Summer Tennis Camp takes place next week. Teels Baseball Camp started its week long sessions this week as well and we are looking forward to Bergen's Best Soccer Camp running in early August.

Summer Camp Running Smoothly

The Director advised that the first week of our Summer Day Camp, run by the Wyckoff YMCA, ran last week and that week 2 started today. Early reports are that it is another fun year for the children participating in the camp and several residents are calling each day to try to get into the camp.

Facility Use/Rental Applications Review/Approval

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. One application was discussed by the Board and approved for use/rental. The applications at this meeting included the following:

1. Elevate Training – This company ran a flag football program for our incoming football players in grades 5-8 and a skills and drills clinic for grades 2-4 in the month of June. Only Wyckoff residents and only those in our football program were permitted to register and it was a great taste of football for all of the players preparing for the fall season.
2. Ramapo Renegades – A local baseball team is requesting to use Memorial Baseball Field for its home games.
3. Keller Williams – A local real estate company requested to use the turf field for a company kickball game.
4. Wyckoff YMCA – The YMCA is running Wyckoff Day on September 10th this year and has applied to use the Pulis Turf Field adjacent to their building.

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

Finding the applications in order, the Recreation Board unanimously approved the above application after a motion to approve them was made by Chris Beane and seconded by Doug Arone.

Football Head Coach Recommendations:

The Director recommended that we discuss and approve the Football Head Coaches and Program Director at this meeting since football officially starts prior to our next meeting. The Director made the following recommendations:

1. Eric Knight – Program Director and PeeWee Head Coach
2. Tim Murtha – Junior Head Coach
3. Marty Magerko – Senior Head Coach

Moe Ismael made a motion to approve the above list and Jen Saxton seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Fee Waiver Request:

The Director advised the Board that a family in town is fostering a child in the 1st grade and would like her to participate in recreation sports. The family requested that the fee be waived since costs to foster a child are very high and not having to pay for 1st grade soccer would help. The Board unanimously approved the fee waiver after a motion by Rich Sica was made and Chris Perneti seconded the motion.

Report from Board Members:

Jen Saxton reported that there seems to be interest in travel softball at younger age levels. Specifically, parents of soon to be second grade girls have asked if it would be possible to have a 2nd grade travel team next summer. The Board discussed at length and decided that, at this time, with very few, if any, other towns having 2nd grade travel teams, it would not be sensible to put a team out for no one to play against. However, the Board did think it was a good idea for our younger players to start developing their skills earlier than when they're eligible for travel so a plan was hatched to send an email to the 2nd grade girls recreation program after the recreation season next year to advise interested players that we would set up practices and possible scrimmages if we could find opponents for those interested in trying out for travel softball the following season. The Director agreed to work with interested parent coaches in making this happen next summer.

Paperless Agenda & Minutes:

Moe Ismael

The Board adjourned at 8:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Wingfield
Director, Wyckoff Parks & Recreation