

**WYCKOFF DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
October 17, 2022**

Doug Arone opened the Recreation Board Meeting at the Wyckoff Recreation office at 195 Woodland Avenue 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: Jen Saxton, Rich Sica, Doug Arone, Chris Beane, John Giovacco, Jeff Eischen, Moe Ismael

Members Absent: Sue Buchanan, Chris Perneti, Mike Ferrara, Tom Valente

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

Public Present: None

The minutes of the September 12, 2022 meeting were discussed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jen Saxton and seconded by Moe Ismael. The motion was carried.

Recreation Director’s Report:

Travel Baseball Tryouts Complete:

The Director reported that the travel baseball tryouts for 9u-12u are complete and that the 13u and 14u tryouts were taking place this week. As has been the case for several years, Wladyka Baseball, an independent baseball organization from Rutherford, NJ, ran our tryouts and are submitting their results to the Director who will then announce the teams shortly. The program will have two teams at all 4 levels and will definitely have enough participants for competitive 13u and 14u teams next spring and summer.

Travel Basketball and Girls Softball Tryouts Scheduled:

The Director advised that the tryouts for travel basketball and girls softball should be complete by next month’s meeting. Independent companies are also running these tryouts for the program and will communicate their results to the Director.

Boys & Girls Spring Lacross Registration Begins:

The Director reported that Boys and Girls Lacrosse registration started this morning and will continue for the next 3 weeks.

Ordinance Discussion On Time Limits at Pickleball Courts:

The Director asked Mr. Shanley if any progress has been made on potentially adding an ordinance that would limit the times of pickleball play at the tennis courts. Currently, as discussed last month, players show up as early as 6am to play pickleball and the noise is too much for the neighboring residents. Mr. Shanley advised that he spoke with the Township Attorney on this matter and will have more information at our next meeting.

In addition to limiting the time, Mr. Eischen asked the Director to investigate if there are sound deadening materials that could be put on the fence between the courts and the neighbors to see if they work and to see if it is financially feasible. The Director advised he would look into it.

Summer Camp Bids Expiring – One New Suggestion

The Director reported that three of our Summer Camp bids expired after this summer and asked for the Board's approval to rebid them for 2023 and beyond. Our Multi-Sports Camp, Chess, and Arts and Crafts programs run during the summer and year round in some cases and have been an integral part of Wyckoff's programming which includes children younger than our sports programs start. The Board voted unanimously to rebid these programs in 2023 after a motion from Rich Sica and a second from Jeff Eischen.

Additionally, the Director proposed that a Football Summer camp be added to our list of programming. We have baseball, lacrosse, soccer, cheer, volleyball, and many other sports and activities, but not football which is one of our most popular programs. The Board also agreed that a football camp in town for a week in the summer would be a beneficial addition to our programming.

Open Comment Period:

No comments

Report from Board Members:

None

New or Old Business:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Wingfield
Director, Wyckoff Recreation & Parks