

**WYCKOFF DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**December 12, 2022**

Doug Arone opened the Recreation Board 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: Rich Sica, Moe Ismael, Chris Beane, Tom Valente, Jen Saxton, Jeff Eischen, Sue Buchanan, Doug Arone, John Giovacco, Mike Ferrara, Chris Perneti

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Andy Wingfield, Recreation Director

Guests Present: None

The minutes of the November 14, 2022 meeting were discussed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Tom Valente and seconded by Chris Beane. The motion was carried.

**Recreation Director’s Report:**

**Cooperative Recreation Equipment Bid – Paused for 2023:**

The Director advised that the Cooperative Recreation Equipment Bid, with agreement from the administrators in Wyckoff, Franklin Lakes, and Oakland, has been paused for 2023 with every intent to resume in 2024 provided certain economic factors come back to normal over the next several months. The Director reported that he reached out to many vendors who have worked with us on the bid in the past and all agree that, with today’s supply chain issues, inflation, and other factors, they simply can’t give us a price in December that they can guarantee for the next 12 months. With shipping costs increasing, it is also difficult for them to come up with a price that is locked in for 12 months without adding to the cost and making the bid prices substantially higher than normal. Additionally, many items on the bid are not able to be purchased at the present time due to companies no longer manufacturing them. The hope is that everything gets closer to normal for 2024 and that we will start the bid process up again for our equipment purchasing needs.

**Summer Camp Bids**

The Director reported to the Board that the summer camp contracts with US Sports Institute, Martin Kenny Chess, and The Happy Dance (arts and crafts) have expired and, should the Board agree, it is time to put these specific camps out to bid again so that we can continue to host these camps for the residents. After a brief discussion, the Board voted unanimously to put these contracts out to bid again after a motion to do so from Rich Sica and a second from Mike Ferrara. These bids will be put together over the next several days and advertised later this month. The results of this process will be communicated to the Board at January’s meeting.

**Recreation Basketball Head Coach Recommendations:**

The Director presented the list of volunteer Head Coaches for the 2022-23 Recreation Basketball season for 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade boys and girls. After discussion, Chris Beane motioned to approve the entire list of volunteer coaches and Moe Ismael seconded the motion. All were in favor of approving the entire list of coaches.

**Recreation Roller Hockey & Wrestling Head Coach Recommendations:**

The Director presented the list of volunteer Head Coaches for the 2022-23 Roller Hockey and Wrestling seasons for K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade. After discussion, Jen Saxton motioned to approve the list of volunteer coaches and John Giovacco seconded the motion. All were in favor of approving the list of coaches.

**Travel Softball Teams Announced – Head Coach Recommendations:**

The Director advised that tryouts for travel softball were completed in November and that the teams were recently announced to the players and families. The Director presented a list of Head Coaches for the 3/4<sup>th</sup> Grade team, U10 A team, U12 A team, U12 B team, and u14 team. After discussion, Doug Arone motioned to approve the list of head coaches and Jeff Eischen seconded the motion. All were in favor of the list of our 2023 Travel Softball Head Coaches.

**8u Travel Baseball Tryouts Announced:**

The Director announced that he has secured both the facility and the independent baseball evaluation group for the 8u travel baseball tryouts. They will be held on two separate dates Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 4-5:30 for the first half of the alphabet and Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 4-5:30 for the second half of the alphabet. The tryouts will take place at PS2 in Wayne, NJ as the former facility we used in Oakland has shut down.

**Recreation Board Member Resignation:**

The Director reported that Sue Buchanan has submitted her resignation letter to the Township after many years of excellent service to the Board of Parks & Recreation and to the Township in general. Tim Shanley, the Director, and the Board expressed their thanks to Sue for the years of dedication to the Board and to the town and wished her the best of luck going forward. Otherwise, the Director advised the Board that our Board will remain fully intact in 2023 with the addition of one member in January, to be announced at the first meeting of 2023.

**Field Use Application:**

The Director requested that the Board review applications from the Wyckoff YMCA to use our fields and tennis courts in the spring and summer for certain programs. The Director advised that there are no conflicts on the fields or courts at that time and that all of the paperwork submitted, including the application itself, the Hold Harmless Agreement, and the Certificate of Insurance are in order. After brief discussion, Jeff Eischen motioned to approve the application and Tom Valents seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

**Winter Sports Have Begun**

The Director reported that our winter sports programming is underway with basketball, roller hockey, and wrestling having begun their practices.

**Election of 2020 Recreation Board Chairperson:**

The Director advised that the Board needed to elect a chairperson for 2023. Doug Arone was once again nominated by Chris Beane, and Chris Perneti seconded the nomination. All in attendance were in favor. Mr. Arone accepted the nomination and will continue to serve as Chairperson in the new year.

**Open Comment Period:**

**Report from Board Members:**

None

**New or Old Business:**

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andy Wingfield  
Director, Wyckoff Recreation & Parks