

WYCKOFF DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
October 16, 2017

Doug Arone opened the Recreation Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Recreation Office at 195 Woodland Avenue 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: Hayley Rooney, Moe Ismael, Chris Beane, Ann Smith, Doug Arone, Rich Sica, Tom Valente, Mike Ferrara

Members Absent: Sue Buchanan, Jeff Eischen, Heather Alnor

Staff Present: Andy Wingfield, Recreation Director

Brian Scanlan, Township Committee Liaison

Guests Present: None

The minutes of the September 18, 2017 meeting were discussed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Tom Valente and seconded by Rich Sica. The motion was carried.

Recreation Director's Report:

Recreation Board Resignation & New Member:

The Director announced the resignation of long time Board member, Ed Pettit. The Board stated for the record that Ed has been an outstanding member of the Board for many years and will be missed. The Director also announced that a new member had been approved by the Township Committee. Michael Ferrara, a very active volunteer in the Recreation Program for many years, has been added to the Recreation Board. The Board welcomed Mr. Ferrara.

Mr. Pettit's resignation left an opening in the Code of Conduct Sub-Committee. Chris Beane volunteered to take his place and the Board unanimously agreed to add Mr. Beane to the sub-committee.

Travel Baseball Tryouts Complete, Travel Softball Tryouts This Week:

The Director reported that tryouts for the 2018 spring and summer Travel Baseball and Softball teams are complete other than the 8u level which will try out in March. The Department will, once again, have two teams (A and B) from the 9u level through the 12u level. We are also fielding a 13u team and a 14u team. Travel Softball tryouts will begin and end this coming week. The Director reported that he received a positive email from the father of a boy who did not make a team this season. The resident was thoroughly impressed with the evaluation process and the communication he received before and after the tryout from the Recreation Department.

Travel Basketball Tryouts:

The Director advised that Travel Basketball Tryouts will be starting the week of October 23rd and end the week of 10/30. Once again, registration for the tryouts is very popular with some levels having almost 30 kids trying out. We will, once again, utilize an independent evaluator for

the tryouts to eliminate all perception of bias in our process. The Director will report back with results at the November meeting.

Boys and Girls Lacrosse Registration:

The Director advised that registration for boys and girls lacrosse is ongoing and that a new requirement was put into place this year. League rules now require that all players register with US Lacrosse so the Recreation Department has modified its online registration form to include a spot for the players' US Lacrosse membership numbers. A US Lacrosse membership comes with secondary insurance for athletes and coaches in case of injury which will reduce the amount of injury claims lacrosse players in town will make to the Township's insurance company.

Facility Use/Rental Applications Review:

The Director reported that the Oakland Recreation program has reached out and asked the Township for permission to utilize our Roller Hockey rink this winter for its roller hockey program. Much like our rink last year, Oakland's rink is going through renovations this year. Two years ago, Oakland allowed us to utilize their rink when needed due to the poor condition of ours prior to renovation. The Board unanimously agreed that, provided we have the management to oversee that both programs will have enough time on the rink, which we do, Oakland should be able to utilize our rink at no charge while their rink goes through its improvements.

Facility Maintenance Quotes Sent Out:

The Director has sent out quote forms to several companies in order to achieve the lowest cost possible to maintain the Recreation Office, the bathrooms at Community Park, the township's irrigation systems, and to provide portable toilets at our facilities. Sending quote requests to several companies maximizes competition which, in turn, keeps our costs at remarkably low numbers. As an example, the Recreation Department pays \$70/month for each portable toilet while the industry average monthly cost is around \$125/month.

Football Update:

The Director reported that the football boosters held their first annual Rectoberfest this past weekend in an effort to raise funds toward a new multi-purpose turf field at Memorial. The event was attended by well over 200 residents and the fundraiser has been considered a success by the group. Our football teams are performing well and the atmosphere at our A games on Saturday nights and our B games on Sunday afternoons is second to none. During games, the Boosters are working the concession stand, announcing the games, playing music, and selling spirit wear.

Open Comment Period:

None

Report from Board Members:

None

New or Old Business:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Wingfield
Director, Wyckoff Recreation & Parks