

**WYCKOFF DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
December 15, 2014**

Tom Valente opened the Recreation Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Recreation Office 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: Ed Pettit, Jeff Eischen, Heather Alnor, Tom Valente, Rob Lahue, Moe Ismael, Peter McGuire, Doug Arone

Members Absent: Sue Buchanan, Chris Vanuga, Russ Whiteman

Staff Present: Recreation Director Andy Wingfield

Staff Absent: Township Committee Liaison Brian Scanlan

Guests Present: None

The minutes of the November meeting were discussed. A motion to approve the minutes of the 11/17/14 meeting was made by Heather Alnor and seconded by Rob Lahue. The motion was carried.

**Recreation Director's Report:**

**Recommendation for New Programs in 2015:**

The Recreation Director reported that, based on feedback from this year's recreation survey that went out to township residents, a good amount of interest exists for a Girls Volleyball program at the older ages (grades 6-8) and Football Cheerleading in Grade 3. He requested approval from the Board to start a Girls Volleyball program in 2015 as well as adding 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade to the current cheerleading program which runs from Grades 4-8. After a motion by Tom Valente and a second by Ed Pettit, it was unanimously agreed that the Department would start up a Girls Volleyball program in the coming year. Likewise, with a motion from Heather Alnor and a second from Tom Valente, the board unanimously approved 3<sup>rd</sup> graders being allowed to join Football Cheerleading in 2015.

**Recreation Equipment Cooperative Bid**

The Director reported that the 2015 Recreation Equipment Bid was advertised over the past two weeks and that the Bid Opening is taking place on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 11am. This bid makes it possible for the Recreation Departments of Wyckoff, Franklin Lakes, and Oakland to purchase uniforms, t-shirts, equipment, etc. with improved bargaining power. Vendors from across the region compete for our combined business and, therefore, prices are significantly lower.

### **Summer Sports Camps**

The Director reported that three sports camps were put out to competitive bid for the upcoming two summers; a Multi-Sport camp for younger children, an instructional Football Camp, and an instructional Basketball Camp. The US Sports Institute won the bid for the Multi-Sport Camp but the Football and Basketball Camps were not bid on. The Wyckoff YMCA had advised that they would bid on these two camps but, after the bids were advertised, decided not to bid. No other vendors entered bids so the Township will not advertise or hold any Football or Basketball instructional camps in 2015. Our very popular Summer Basketball Clinic, however, will take place as it always has.

### **Recreation Board Term Limits**

The Board discussed the recent article in a local publication that indicated that the Township Committee had voted to eliminate the term limits for the Recreation Board. The Director reported that a resolution had been passed to change the Ordinance and that the vote to make the change was taking place at the same time as our meeting. Assuming that the change was approved by the Township Committee, the current limitation of two 3-year terms on the Recreation Board would be eliminated. The Director reiterated to the Board that Board appointments and all decisions involving them are made solely by the Township Committee. He advised the Board that he would have an update at next month's meeting.

### **Open Comment Period:**

None

### **Report from Board Members:**

There were no reports from board members.

### **New or Old Business:**

The Board discussed the startup of the Turf Field project at Pulis. The Director reported that the preparation of the area and excavation began last week.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andy Wingfield  
Director of Parks & Recreation