

WYCKOFF DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
December 16, 2019

Tom Valente 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: Rich Sica, Moe Ismael, Chris Beane, Tom Valente, Heather Alnor, Mike Ferrara

Members Absent: Ann Smith, Hayley Rooney, Jeff Eischen, Sue Buchanan, Doug Arone

Staff Present: Andy Wingfield, Recreation Director

Tim Shanley, Township Committee Liaison

Guests Present: John Giovacco, resident

The minutes of the November 11, 2019 meeting were discussed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Rich Sica and seconded by Moe Ismael. The motion was carried.

Recreation Director’s Report:

Recreation Basketball Head Coach Recommendations:

The Director presented the list of volunteer Head Coaches for the 2019-20 Recreation Basketball season for 1st Grade through 4th Grade boys and girls. After discussion, Tom Valente motioned to approve the entire list of volunteer coaches and Chris Beane seconded the motion. All were in favor of approving the entire list of coaches.

Recreation Roller Hockey Head Coach Recommendations:

The Director presented the list of volunteer Head Coaches for the 2019-20 Roller Hockey season for K-8th Grade. After discussion, Rich Sica motioned to approve the entire list of volunteer coaches and Tom Valente seconded the motion. All were in favor of approving the list of coaches.

Cooperative Recreation Equipment Bid Review:

The Director advised that the Cooperative Recreation Equipment Bid has been advertised and the sealed bids were opened at 11am on December 11, 2019. 10 companies responded to the bid request and the results will be made public at the January 1, 2020 Township Committee meeting. This bid promotes healthy competition among sports equipment and uniform vendors which results in the Township benefitting from lower costs for its equipment and uniform purchasing. In 2019, 41% of the items on the bid of approximately 235 items cost less than they did in the previous year. That same, or better, savings is anticipated again in this year’s bid. The Director also reviewed with the Board that this bid not only benefits Wyckoff, but also Franklin Lakes and Oakland as the three municipalities work together on this project to increase potential quantities purchased which, thereby, reduces the cost of each item on the bid. By maximizing competition and quantity, the three municipalities realize excellent savings across the year in their equipment and uniform purchasing.

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 in February; Tuesday, February 4th, 2020 from 4-5:30 for the first half of the alphabet and Tuesday, February 11th, 2020 from 4-5:30 for the second half of the alphabet.

Winter Recreation and Travel Programs Have Begun:

The Director reported that most of our Winter programming has begun including Recreation & Travel Basketball for 3rd grade through high school, Wrestling for Grades 1-8, and Roller Hockey for Grades K-8. 1st and 2nd Grade Basketball and our Chess program will begin in January. The Director also advised the Board that the improvements in our Wrestling program that had been discussed previously would be implemented in the 2020-21 season.

Recreation Board Member Term Expiration:

The Director advised the Board that Heather Alnor's final term as Board Member had expired and that she would not be returning in 2020. The Director and the Board thanked Heather for her many years of service to the Board and wished her the best. Recreation Board Liaison, Tim Shanley, reported that John Giovacco would be joining the Recreation Board in 2020.

Football Update:

The Director reported that 2019 football season has come to a successful end. All of our "A" teams were undefeated in the regular season and our PeeWees and Juniors won their respective Super Bowls. The teams were honored at a Township Committee meeting on December 3rd where each child was given a copy of the Proclamation that was read at the meeting. The Director also advised that he held a post-season meeting with all of the program's coaches on November 26th in an effort to see if there were any concerns regarding the program. The coaches were very positive on the season and all agreed our program continues to head in a positive direction. The senior coaches expressed a concern at the league level about how teams were seeded and the Director will take that concern to the league in the hopes of having a better, more transparent method of determining the playoff rankings.

Memorial Turf Project Update:

Tim Shanley reported that this project is gaining momentum and that the possibility exists that construction could begin as soon as January of 2020. There are many items to work out before ground is broken but a committee is in place to move ahead. The Director requested input from the Board regarding the lines that will be sewn into the field. The Board agreed that the lines for an 80 yard football field, two baseball/softball diamonds, and two small sided soccer fields would be ideal. The Director will report this back to the committee with the one other possibility being a full sided soccer field as well.

Election of 2020 Recreation Board Chairperson:

The Director advised that the Board needed to elect a chairperson for 2020. Doug Arone is the current chairperson and all agreed that he has done a great job as the Chairperson. Rich Sica nominated Doug Arone to continue as the Recreation Board Chairperson for 2020 and Moe Ismael seconded the motion. All in attendance were in favor. The Director will advise Mr. Arone that he will continue as Chair in 2020.

Open Comment Period:

Report from Board Members:

None

New or Old Business:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Wingfield
Director, Wyckoff Recreation & Parks