

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OPEN PUBLIC WORK SESSION
SECOND FLOOR MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2015 – 7:30 P.M.**

Mayor Kevin J. Rooney opened the Work Session Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the second floor municipal court room.

Municipal Clerk Santimauro read the Open Public Work Session statement: "This Open Public Work Session Meeting of the Wyckoff Township Committee is now in session. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting appears on our Annual Schedule of meetings. A copy of said Annual Schedule has been posted on the Bulletin Board in Memorial Town Hall; a copy has been filed with the Municipal Clerk, The Record, The Ridgewood News and the North Jersey Herald and News – all newspapers having general circulation throughout the Township of Wyckoff. At least 48 hours prior to this meeting the Agenda thereof was similarly posted, filed and mailed to said newspapers."

Present: Mayor Kevin J. Rooney, Committeemen Haakon C. Jepsen, Brian D. Scanlan, Rudolf E. Boonstra and John A. Carolan.

Also Present: Township Administrator Robert J. Shannon, Jr., Township Attorney Robert Landel and Municipal Clerk Joyce C. Santimauro

Mayor Rooney advised that the Finance Committee has reviewed and signed vouchers.

Township Committee Reports:

Haakon Jepsen:

1. Mr. Jepsen attended the latest meeting of the Zabriskie House Trustees and reported progress is being made. The K-8 School District has been contacted to work in tandem with the trustees to research whether the Early American heritage of our country that is evident through the Zabriskie House Museum can be meshed together with the school curriculum.
2. Mr. Jepsen congratulated the Zabriskie House Trustees for the great effort and booth they staffed at Wyckoff Day on Saturday, June 6, 2015. The Trustees were dressed in "period" costumes and many of the children attending the event were fascinated with the old toys from the past.
3. Mr. Jepsen also attended the 33rd Annual Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 6, 2015 at Zabriskie Pond.
4. The Environmental Commission Meeting was conducted last evening with a discussion that focused on the restocking of Zabriskie Pond in the Fall as well as the current procedure of stocking the pond in the Spring before the fishing derby at an additional cost of \$700. The pond is a great opportunity to develop recreational fishing for our residents and the many children who enjoy the fishing derby.
5. At last evening's meeting, the Environmental Commission conducted a post event review of the Green Film Festival recently concluded. The overall consensus determined that the second year's festival was as successful as the first year. Thanks were extended to the Wyckoff Public Library for hosting the film shows at their many meeting rooms.
6. Mr. Jepsen thanked Julio Diaz for his efforts on the Environmental Commission, specifically his expertise with launching the Environmental Commission's website. Mr. Diaz is relocating from Wyckoff.

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7. Mr. Jepsen reported on the recent Drug & Alcohol Prevention Alliance Meeting. Two (2) major topics were discussed; the exploration of a regional municipal alliance with Franklin Lakes and Oakland. A regional municipal alliance would be beneficial for programming and would allow for the maximization of resources. The second issue is D.A.R.E. New Jersey, Inc. is no longer in business. The police department is currently working with the Wyckoff School Systems to draft a similar D.A.R.E. program however, one which is tied to the school health curriculum.

Brian Scanlan:

1. Mr. Scanlan reported that he and Mayor Rooney will be meeting at the Russell Farms Community Park regarding the Sensory Garden Project. Susan Gurak, a landscape designer will also be in attendance to discuss moving forward with the project completion.
2. Mr. Scanlan and his governing body colleagues attended the Pulis Field Recreation Complex Grand Opening Ceremony on June 3rd and June 13th.
3. Mr. Scanlan attended a CERT Meeting on Saturday, June 13, 2015 and noted that the Bergen County CERT Newsletter lists two (2) articles regarding activities the Wyckoff CERTS performed. This evening, the CERTS will be trained to recognize the difference between Alzheimer's and Dementia when assisting folks in an emergency.
4. Mr. Scanlan supports Committeeman Jepsen's suggestion of a second stocking of the Zabriskie Pond in the Fall.
5. On Saturday, June 6, 2015 at Wyckoff Day, Mr. Scanlan volunteered both at the Board of Health booth and the Municipal Alliance booth. Mr. Scanlan thanked Dr. Karin Satra, who donated thousands of sunscreen samples which were distributed to the residents visiting the Board of Health booth. Summer Safety was promoted at the Board of Health booth.
6. Mr. Scanlan reminded all that this weekend is the Wyckoff/Midland Park/Rotary and the Wyckoff Family YMCA sponsored Triathlon in Franklin Lakes.
7. Mr. Scanlan attended the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting last evening and indicated there was one (1) requested change in the recreation policy manual. This policy would establish a protocol concerning participants in the Wyckoff Travel Teams.
8. With regard to Committeeman Jepsen's report on D.A.R.E. New Jersey, Mr. Scanlan advised he is not particularly enamored with the D.A.R.E. program and suggested a review of the research as this Bergen County area suffers a heroin and oxycodone epidemic. Clearly, the efforts of D.A.R.E. are not working and some other type of program should be established, not necessarily a D.A.R.E. like program.

John Carolan:

1. Mr. Carolan reported he is in the process of familiarizing himself with his committee assignments and looks forward to those meetings.
2. Mr. Carolan attended the Pulis Field Recreation Complex Grand Opening Ceremony where the community came together to celebrate a new recreational asset to the town.

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Rudy Boonstra:

1. Mr. Boonstra also attended the Pulis Field Grand Opening Ceremony, the Annual Fishing Derby, Wyckoff Day on Saturday and an early morning Public Policy Meeting today.
2. Last evening, Mr. Boonstra attended a Special Meeting of the Planning Board where a resolution was adopted which endorses the filing of a Declaratory Judgement Act document which will allow the Township to comply with the Supreme Court's March 10, 2015 Affordable Housing Ruling and also protect the Township during the process of formulating a plan to comply with the Supreme Court's decision.
3. The Board of Adjustment Attorney, John Spizziri has announced that he will be retiring to move out West. Mr. Boonstra made comment that Mr. Spizziri has provided outstanding service to the Board of Adjustment. In the 1960's, Mr. Spizziri served as the Mayor of Wyckoff and served as a New Jersey Assemblyman. Mr. Boonstra and the Township Committee thanked Attorney John Spizziri for his dedication. The Board of Adjustment is now accepting applications for the vacancy.

Mayor Rooney:

1. Mayor Rooney attended and participated in the ceremonies on June 3rd and June 13th for the Grand Opening Celebrations for the new Pulis Field Recreation Complex. This facility consists of two (2) adjacent artificial turf playing fields which accommodates the sports of both soccer and lacrosse. Mayor Rooney described this project as the perfect "coming together" of like-minded people working collaboratively to achieve a community asset which the children of Wyckoff will enjoy for years to come.
2. Mayor Rooney also attended the Annual Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 6, 2015 and described the event as well attended and very enjoyable. The majority of the fish caught were cat fish.
3. On Tuesday, June 9, 2015 Mayor Rooney and the Administrator attended a meeting with a resident who offered to provide various services to the community for heroin addiction and substance abuse. This gentleman's offer will hopefully be incorporated into the Access for All Committee which has its first meeting on Wednesday, June 17, 2015.
4. On Thursday, June 11, 2015 Mayor Rooney met with Police Chief Fox, Township Code Officials and the Municipal Clerk with members of the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church. The church parish is attempting to bring back the Greek Festival on September 25, 26, & 27, 2015. During the discussion, the timeframe of the festival was decreased from 12:00 midnight to 11:00 P.M. each evening. A number of satellite parking locations were discussed with the church utilizing shuttle bus service. The discussion also focused on the attempt to provide all parking at the Becton Dickinson parking lot and/or the Coolidge School parking lot. The CERTS may be utilized to maintain traffic direction in a parking lot. The governing body discussed this at length and determined there would be no parking on Fox Hollow Road, Nancy Lane, Coolidge Terrace. The Township Committee approved the event as described in the 6/15/15 letter to the Township Committee.

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5. Mayor Rooney attended and provided remarks at the Flag Retirement Ceremony on Thursday, June 11, 2015 conducted by Boy Scout Troop 77 at Fire Company #1.
6. Mayor Rooney attended the Special Planning Board Meeting as well as the Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department's Quarterly Meeting conducted at Fire Company #2. To date, 222 fire calls for assistance have been responded to with 40 calls just in the month of May.
7. The Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department is again focusing its efforts on training in a current pump operator's course that is close to completion.

Review of the 8:00 p.m. Agenda:

The Agenda for the Public Business Meeting presented by Clerk Santimauro includes several modifications. There are three (3) ordinances scheduled for introduction.

1. The first ordinance renames Pulis Field to the Pulis Field Recreational Complex and prohibits dogs on the artificial turf field
2. The second ordinance concentrates on a new law recently adopted by the State of New Jersey that allows municipalities to require out-of-state creditors who file foreclosures resulting in abandoned homes, to appoint in-state creditors responsible for the care and maintenance of those abandoned homes.
3. The third ordinance deals with the Affordable Housing Development Fee and establishes additional types of construction which would trigger the affordable housing development fee and removes current exemptions.
4. The Agenda includes a Closed Session concerning contract negotiations.
5. The Administrator explained that Resolutions #15-172 and #15-173 comply with a State regulation which allows municipalities to appropriate grants when they are received and the budget has been adopted. Essentially, the State procedure approved by the adoption of these resolutions allows the budget to be increased by a similar amount with both an expenditure and a revenue for the amounts of the grants.

Policy Action Items:

1. The Administrator reviewed a report from the Recreation Director concerning a policy change to address travel sports – when a child is selected to play and declines membership then wishes to rejoin the travel sports team. Committeeman Scanlan advised that this policy has been vetted thoroughly by the Recreation Advisory Board. A minor language change has been suggested and Mr. Scanlan endorses the change. "Should a player not accept a position on a given roster in any travel sport upon receipt of the acceptance letter from the Recreation Department and later wishes to rescind that decision, the player would be accepted back on a first come-first served basis provided there is still a roster spot available within the program. In travel baseball and softball, if there are 12 players at a level where there is only one team, or 24 players where there are two teams, the rosters would be considered full and the request would be denied. But if there are fewer than that number of players on the roster(s), the participant would be granted the position on a roster deemed appropriate by the Recreation Director and the Board of Parks &

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Recreation. In travel basketball, if there are 10 on a single team, or 20 among two teams, the rosters will be considered full and participation would be denied to those that wish to return prior to the season beginning. Requests when rosters are fewer than 10 or 20 would be granted after review by the Director and Board. Additionally, these requests in travel baseball and softball would only be considered if made prior to the Friday before Memorial Day Weekend of any given year and the Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving of any given year for travel basketball. Any requests after those times will be denied.”
All governing body members approved this change.

2. On Tuesday, June 9, 2015 a bid opening was conducted for the purchase of street lamps and poles needed for security lighting to extend the commuter parking spaces at the Wyckoff Community Park. This item will be placed on the July 7, 2015 Agenda for Township Committee consideration and award.
3. The Administrator reviewed various field changes the Township’s Project Team evaluated during construction of the Pulis Field Recreation Complex turf field facility, all of which were approved by the Engineer of Record. They included; Trek decking was added to the exposed areas of the guard rail supports which otherwise could have resulted in an injury if a pedestrian did not exercise reasonable care, additional drainage as requested by the NJDEP, extension of a section of the guard rail due to the placements of an outdoor light stanchion base, installation of a twelve (12) foot tall fence extension behind the areas of the lacrosse goals and the stone chip sidewalk. The Township Committee confirmed same. On the July 7th Agenda, the Administrator will present a Title 59 Plan & Design Defense resolution for the new Pulis Field Recreation Complex to invoke immunities available to the municipality.
4. The Administrator provided a notice from the County that Bergen County Open Space Grants are available for historic preservation.
5. The 2016 Municipal Calendar theme was recently approved by the Township Committee entitled, “The Mayors Wellness Campaign.” As part of this program, numerous requirements must be reviewed and put in place prior to 2016.
6. The Administrator reviewed a recommendation from the Recreation Director regarding a suggested grant for the focus of the Bergen County Open Space Park Improvement Grant Application due on Thursday, September 3, 2015. The Recreation Director had suggested resurfacing the basketball courts at Memorial Field. Committeeman Scanlan stated that that suggestion was discussed at length at last evening’s Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting and further discussion is required at the Recreation Advisory Board level before a final recommendation is submitted to the governing body.
7. The Administrator reminded all that the Annual Fishing Derby, a successful event where children in the community enjoy recreational fishing, reminds everyone of the importance to keep our waters clean and free from chemicals and litter. Remember, the drain is only for the rain!!

Township Attorney Report:

1. Mr. Landel drafted two (2) of the three (3) resolutions for governing body consideration today. The third resolution, prepared in-house, was reviewed and approved.

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At 8:00 p.m. the Township Committee recesses the Open Work Session Meeting to conduct the Public Business Meeting.

At 8:45 p.m. the Township Committee reconvenes the Open Work Session Meeting voting as follows:

MOTION: SCANLAN SECOND BOONSTRA
BOONSTRA YES CAROLAN YES JEPSEN YES SCANLAN YES
ROONEY YES

At 8:45 p.m. the Township Committee recesses the Open Work Session Meeting to enter into Closed Session discussion via Resolution #15-C6.

At 9:15 p.m. the Township Committee re-enters the Open Public Work Session Meeting with the following vote:

MOTION: JEPSEN SECOND BOONSTRA
BOONSTRA YES CAROLAN YES JEPSEN YES SCANLAN YES
ROONEY YES

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The Work Session Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Kevin J. Rooney
Mayor

Joyce C. Santimauro
Municipal Clerk