

WYCKOFF DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
June 17, 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: Doug Arone, Tom Valente, Mike Ferrara, Hayley Rooney, Chris Beane, Heather Alnor, Rich Sica, Moe Ismael

Members Absent: Ann Smith, Jeff Eischen, Sue Buchanan

Staff Present: Andy Wingfield, Recreation Director

Tim Shanley, Township Committee Liaison to Recreation Board

The minutes of the May 13, 2019 meeting were discussed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Hayley Rooney and seconded by Doug Arone. The motion was carried.

Recreation Director’s Report:

Recreation Baseball, Softball, Lacrosse Review:

The Director reported that the Recreation Baseball, Softball, and Lacrosse seasons are over and that, despite the terrible weather all spring, the seasons were all considered successful. The merging of Recreation baseball and softball teams across Wyckoff, Franklin Lakes, and Oakland continues to be a positive experience for all the children involved, meeting and playing with kids from across the FLOW area that they will eventually meet up with in High School. In the three levels that we participate together, each of the 3 towns won the championship. Wyckoff in 3/4th grade girls softball, Franklin Lakes in 5/6th grade girls softball, and Oakland in 5/6th grade boys baseball.

Travel Baseball and Travel Softball Tournaments:

The Director reported that Wyckoff Travel Baseball Boosters ran their annual Father’s Day Baseball Tournament (9u) this past weekend and that the Wyckoff Travel Softball Boosters will run their annual tournament this coming weekend. Our own teams are directly involved in these tournaments and the funds raised go toward tournament funding, equipment purchases, and field upgrades in town.

Summer Camp Starts June 24:

The Director advised that our Summer Day Camp programs begin next week and registration numbers are very good. Over 160 children will participate in week 1. The Director reported that one oddity this season was the low number of female camp counselor applicants versus male applicants. The Department will look to advertise the positions more heavily next year in the hopes of retaining more female counselors. Camp runs from June 24 through July 26th for children in grades K-4 and from June 24th through August 2nd for grades 5-8.

Facility Use/Rental Applications Review:

The Director requested the Board review the following field use applications, based on the Township's procedure of involving the Recreation Board in the approval process for field rental after a review of the paperwork by the Recreation Director and Township Administrator. Two applications were discussed by the Board and approved for use/rental. The applications at this meeting included the following:

1. Glory Baseball – This LLC is requesting use of Township baseball fields for their baseball practices and games during the summer. The expected revenue from this use is expected to be around \$500.
2. Power 5 Baseball – Another club baseball program is requesting use of Township baseball fields for its practices and possible games during the summer. The anticipated revenue from this group is also around \$500.
3. Parisi Speed School – this fitness company is requesting use of the Pulis turf for a Ramapo High School team's training. The expected revenue from this use is \$300.

The Director advised the Board that that his review of the applications, Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreements, and Certificates of Insurance for this request determined the applications to be in order.

Finding the applications in order, the Recreation Board unanimously approved the above applications after a motion to approve them was made by Tom Valente and seconded by Mike Ferrara.

Open Space Project In Progress:

The Director reported that the administrative process of obtaining Bergen County Open Space funding for the installation of surveillance cameras at the Memorial Field Playground and field area has begun. Quotes are being obtained for the work and the hope is that this project is completed by year end. This work will enable the Township to observe or review injuries that occur at the playground as well as vandalism and other events.

Football Update:

The Director reported that Football and Cheer registration is complete and that registration numbers are in line with last year at this time. Over 100 football players and almost 90 cheerleaders are registered to participate in the fall. Season practices will begin in August.

Open Comment Period:

No comment.

Report from Board Members:

New or Old Business:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Wingfield
Director, Wyckoff Recreation & Parks