

WYCKOFF DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
July 16, 2018

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

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

Staff Present: Andy Wingfield, Recreation Director, Tim Shanley, Township Committee Liaison

Guest Present: None

The minutes of the June 25, 2018 meeting were discussed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Chris Beane and seconded by Moe Ismael. The motion was carried.

Recreation Director's Report:

Summer Camp Update:

The Director reported that the 2018 Recreation Summer Day Camp is in full swing and enjoying a terrific summer of fun. The Camp is perfectly staffed and the planning that went into the 2018 Summer Camp has yielded many positive experiences for so many children participating. Not only are the young children benefitting from camp, but the older high schoolers and college students from town that we employ are also gaining valuable job experience. Two weeks remain in this year's program and the expectation is that the camp finishes strong.

Field Rental Concerns:

The Director reported that over the July 4th weekend, the group renting Memorial Field for their big July 4th Baseball Tournament, Triple Crown Sports, had done a poor job of maintaining the bathroom facilities under Fire Company #1. The Township maintenance employee, on the final day of the tournament, was met with filthy conditions in the bathrooms and reported that the group had obviously done nothing to protect the facility from becoming this way. The doors were unlocked and it was obvious that no cleaning had been done. The Director has been in contact with the organizer of the tournament and advised that the bathroom facilities would not be available to them in future years. Rather, they will have to provide their tournament guests with portable toilets at an agreed upon location near the field. The organizer has already agreed to do so meaning this will not be an issue in upcoming summers. The Board agreed with the course of action.

Travel Baseball/Softball Coming to a Close:

The Director advised the Board that the travel baseball and softball seasons would be wrapping up this week and next. Several of our teams are involved in the postseason playoffs and are hoping to finish the year with league championships.

The Director also reported on a player in our program who was also playing for a local club team. The Director advised that several children in town play for more than just the Wyckoff teams but their commitment when there is a practice or game conflict is to the Wyckoff team. This particular player's family has attempted to satisfy both programs by alternating where their son plays when there are conflicts. The coach of this team has been dealing with it as best as possible but reported that the family had recently changed to committing 100% to the club team when there were conflicts, leaving the town team down a player each time. Unfortunately, when the playoffs were announced, it was also announced that this player's club team was going to drop into the exact same division as our team for the playoffs and the two teams were going to have to face each other in the playoffs. This obviously put the family in a position where they would have to choose which team their son played for and they chose the club team. Due to the Recreation Board's policy of players not being able to try out for our town program in the following season after he or she has quit our program, the Director posed the question to the Board; does the player selecting his club team over our town team qualify as quitting the town team and, if so, do they feel he should be excluded from trying out for Wyckoff next season. The Board discussed the matter at length and ultimately agreed unanimously that the player was put in a difficult situation but did quit our team and competed against our team in an effort to eliminate them from the playoffs and should not be allowed to try out again next season. The player would be eligible to return if he so chose in 2019 for the 2020 season.

The Director will report the results of the remainder of the playoffs to the Board at our August meeting.

Football Update:

The Director reported that the football league that we participate in has released the game schedule for the A teams and the schedule for the B teams would be worked out in early August at the league's Coach Social. Wyckoff will be competing against some familiar foes in the fall and also against the two new teams in the league, Fair Lawn and West Milford.

Registration numbers climbed slightly during the month with 5 new players joining the program.

Open Comment Period:

No comment.

Report from Board Members:

New or Old Business:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Wingfield
Director, Wyckoff Recreation & Parks