

WYCKOFF DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
May 13, 2017

Tom Valente opened the Recreation Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Courtroom of Town Hall at 340 Franklin 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: Tom Valente, Hayley Rooney, Chris Beane, Sue Buchanan, Moe Ismael, Heather Alnor, Ed Pettit, Ann Smith

Members Absent: Doug Arone, Jeff Eischen, Rich Sica

Staff Present: Andy Wingfield, Recreation Director
Brian Scanlan, Township Committee Liaison

The minutes of the April 17, 2017 meeting were discussed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Sue Buchanan and seconded by Heather Alnor. The motion was carried.

Recreation Director’s Report:

Wyckoff Parks & Recreation Project Presentation:

Roger Schnorrbusch, President of the Wyckoff Football Boosters Association, and Ken Puglisi, also of the WFBA, were present to seek approval from the Recreation Board to start planning the hopeful installation of a new turf field, bleachers, a concession stand, a new scoreboard, and bathrooms at the Memorial Field Facility on the field adjacent to the Wyckoff Public Library. Mr. Schnorrbusch is working with the Wyckoff Parks & Recreation Foundation in the hopes of completing Phase 2 of the original project after completing Phase 1 at Pulis Field last year. He presented the Board with a layout of the proposed field and explained the video that is being circulated which asks for financial assistance to make this project a reality. He advised that he has received support from all Township athletic booster groups and will be seeking Township Committee approval as well. His group has reached out to volunteers for assistance as well as large companies for financial assistance, donations, and reduced labor and material costs from contractors. He invited the entire Board to a meeting on May 22nd where the video that he has produced will be shown to a larger audience at the Brick House. Mr. Schnorrbusch asked for the Recreation Board’s support and approval to move forward with the planning of this major project. The Recreation Board unanimously agreed to endorse the project and approved the group moving forward with its plans.

Recreation Baseball and Softball Opening Day Idea/Survey Discussion:

The Director requested the opinion of the Board on whether the current Opening Day ceremony for Recreation Baseball and Softball was satisfactory as an Opening Day event or if they felt that there was a need or desire to bring back the Opening Day Parade which was discontinued 5 years ago due to a lack of enthusiasm from the coaches and parents in preparing banners for their

teams and due to waning attendance by the families. The Board discussed at length the pros and cons of the Parade and agreed that a survey to past and present baseball and softball families might be a good way of determining if there would be interest in bringing the Parade back. The Director and Mr. Scanlan will develop a survey to be distributed at some point in the next few weeks and results will be reported back to the Board where discussion on this topic will continue.

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. Six applications were discussed by the Board and approved for use/rental. The applications at this meeting included the following:

1. Cub Scouts Pack 309 – this Wyckoff based Cub Scout group would like to utilize the Community Park Soccer Field on June 9th to hold a member recruitment event and a rocket launch. The fee for this group would be waived per Township Resolution #17-21.
2. Bergen County Charity Classic – this is a non-profit organization that runs a Memorial Day Weekend baseball tournament and donates its proceeds to charity. They are requesting the use of the Memorial Baseball Field for its 14 & under portion of the tournament on May 26-28 and, in return, will have our Wyckoff 14u team participate in all 3 of its games at their own field. Due to the giving nature of this tournament, they do not have a budget for field use and requested the fee for the use of the field for the two days be waived. If the Board approves the fee waiver, the Township Committee would then have to approve it as well.

The Director advised the Board that that his review with the Township Administrator of the applications, Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreements, and Certificates of Insurance for all of the requests determined the applications to be in order.

The Recreation Board unanimously approved all of the above applications, including the waiving of the fee for the Bergen County Charity Classic, after a motion to approve them was made by Chris Beane and seconded by Tom Valente.

Football Update:

The Director reported that the NBJFL (the league Wyckoff participates in) is running a free football training clinic for its league members on June 4th at Indian Hills High School. This clinic brings local high school coaches, along with youth level coaches, to kick-off the season each year with a free clinic for the kids. There will be upwards of 500 children at the clinic, including approximately 50 from Wyckoff. The league leadership is also meeting this month to go over game rules. During this meeting, the possibility exists that kickoffs will be eliminated from games at the PeeWee (3/4th Grade) level. This will bring an added measure of safety to the games where the children are just learning the basics. This high speed play being eliminated will remove anywhere from 2-10 high speed, high impact plays from the younger participants' games. The Director will update the Board on this when it has been voted on.

Open Comment Period:

None

Report from Board Members:

None

New or Old Business:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Wingfield
Director, Wyckoff Recreation & Parks