

WYCKOFF DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
February 12, 2018

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

Members Absent:, Sue Buchanan, , Hayley Rooney,

Staff Present: Tim Shanley, Township Committee Liaison to Recreation Board

The minutes of the January 15, 2018 meeting were discussed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Chris Beane and seconded by Tom Valente. The motion was carried.

Recreation Director’s Report:

Boys & Girls Lacrosse Coach Recommendations

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed list of volunteers to coach boys and girls recreation lacrosse for grades 1 through 8. The Board unanimously approved the list of coaches as presented and also approved Matt Goldstein as a 3rd grade boys coach, as one Board Member believed that he had volunteered after the roster of coaches was prepared.

Dates Set for 2018 Wyckoff Movie Nights: 6/28, 8/30

The Board discussed the past success of the movie night program and its role in the Board’s commitment to the passive recreation programs. The Board reviewed and approved of the movie night schedule for the summer of 2018. Chairman Arone also passed on the Director’s request for setup and take down assistance during the events.

Facility Use/Rental Applications Review:

Chairman Arone 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. Torpedoes Soccer Club – The Wyckoff based program has submitted its application and insurance to utilize the Pulis Turf Facility on Sundays for its games. The Torpedoes pays the town \$30,000 yearly to utilize the facility per lease agreement.
2. Triple Crown Sports – a national baseball tournament organization, who has utilized our fields for the past several years, is once again requesting the use of Wyckoff Memorial Field Baseball Facility, 340 Franklin Avenue for the purpose of holding their July 4th Tournament. The estimated revenue from this facility rental would be \$1500. The Board approved this use request unanimously since our teams do not utilize our fields over the 4th of July.

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

Finding the applications in order and discussing the history of successful use by both programs, the Recreation Board unanimously approved all of the above applications after a motion to approve them was made by Moe Ismael and seconded by Tom Valente.

Recreation Baseball & Softball Registration Complete

The Board reviewed and discussed the successful results of the baseball and softball registration process, which was recently completed. Both Recreation Baseball and Softball saw an increase in registrations this year as compared to last year and all levels will have sufficient teams to play against, including those levels where we participate with adjoining towns like Franklin Lakes and Oakland. Our 7/8th graders will once again compete in a larger inter-town league that will give the recreation players more of a 'travel' feel as they compete against teams from Mahwah, Upper Saddle River, Waldwick, Oakland, and more.

1st/2nd Grade Lax Clinic Registration Complete

The Board reviewed the results of the recently completed 1st and 2nd grade lacrosse clinics and discussed the offering and its role in the lacrosse program generally. Almost 100 children are registered for this instructional clinic which is in line with last year's numbers. The clinic has experienced a resurgence since it was moved from an indoor winter clinic to an outdoor spring clinic. Registration numbers have doubled since the change was made.

Summer Camp & Clinic Preparation – Venue Changes for 2018

The Board reviewed and discussed the plans for the upcoming summer camps programs, including the proposed venue changes to Washington School and Sicomac School. The Board of Ed has communicated to the Recreation Department that construction and other work will be going on at Eisenhower and Lincoln this summer and the change is necessary to accommodate everyone. Sicomac School is an excellent location for our Grades K-4 Camp due to its large parking lot, ease of drop off and pickup of campers, and better vision from the building to the field for our supervisory staff. Washington is completely sufficient for our Grades 5-8 Summer Camp as well. Registration for Summer Camp will open on March 12th and the Department expects huge registration numbers again this year.

Open Comment Period:

No comment.

Report from Board Members:

Moe reported about Wrestling program efforts to purchase new mats. The wrestling program has not received funding for new mats for at least 15 years and have been borrowing Ramapo High Schools every time we need them. The program is raising funds to purchase the mats but has indicated to the Recreation Department that it may need assistance from the recreation budget. Since our program utilizes Ramapo High School 100% of the time, the mats would be stored there and used when needed. As more details such as cost and how much the boosters can raise are known, more information will be presented to the Recreation Board.

Tim Shanley reported that the Township Committee recently voted to rename Pulis Field 3 in honor of Ben Landel who tragically passed away after a year long battle with an extremely rare form of cancer. Ben and his family have been involved in the Recreation program for years and Ben's father was instrumental in the construction of the turf facility. The Board discussed the significance of the decision and expressed its unanimous approval.

New or Old Business:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Wingfield
Director, Wyckoff Recreation & Parks