

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

Doug Arone opened the Recreation Board Meeting at 7:25 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: Hayley Rooney, Moe Ismael, Chris Beane, Ann Smith, Doug Arone, Sue Buchanan, Jeff Eischen, Heather Alnor, Tom Valente, Mike Ferrara

Members Absent: Rich Sica

Staff Present: Brian Scanlan, Township Committee Liaison

Guests Present: None

The minutes of the October 16, 2017 meeting were discussed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Tom Valente and seconded by Chris Beane. The motion was carried.

Recreation Director’s Report:

2017 Football Season Complete:

The Board Chairman advised that the 2017 football season had come to an end. Our teams reached the playoffs in the top division this fall but were all defeated in the semi-final playoff round. All of our teams from PeeWees to Seniors at both the “A” and “B” levels had the same amount of games this year or were within one game of any other team. Every team was fortunate to have a tremendous atmosphere at their home games with the Football Boosters with the tremendous support of parent volunteers playing music, announcing the games, and selling food and clothing at every game that the volunteer parents signed up for which accounted for all but one or two games on the entire season. The Director and the leaders of the football program will meet next month to discuss future improvements for the program.

Travel Basketball Tryouts Complete:

The Board Chairman reported that tryouts for the 2018 winter Travel Basketball teams are complete. The Department will, once again, have a 3rd grade boys team and two teams (A and B) from the 4th grade level through the 8th grade level. On the girls side, we have teams from 3rd grade through 8th grade, including two teams (A and B) at the 7th grade level where 24 girls tried out. The tryout evaluation process by the independent third party vendor from outside the area was, once again, a success. The teams have begun practicing and will start playing games in December.

Recreation Basketball Head Coach Recommendations:

The Board Chairman presented a list of Recreation Head Coaches for boys and girls basketball from 3rd-8th grade to the Board. After a brief review of the names, Chris Beane motioned to approve all of the recommended coaches and Tom Valente seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Travel Basketball Head Coach Recommendations:

The Board Chairman presented a list of boys and girls Travel Basketball Head Coaches for boys from 3rd-8th grade to the Board. After a brief review of the names, Chris Beane motioned to approve all of the recommended coaches and Hayley Rooney seconded the motion. All were in favor. One of the Head Coaches, John Gormley, has been through the program with his children already and has volunteered to coach the 3rd grade girls team this season as a non-parent. The Board asked that he be thanked for his generous donation of time.

Travel Baseball Head Coach Recommendations:

The Board Chairman presented a list of 2018 Travel Baseball Head Coaches for 9u through 14u to the Board. After a brief review of the names, Chris Beane motioned to approve all of the recommended coaches and Hayley Rooney seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Fall Seasons Winding Down:

The Chairman reported that, in addition to Football, Recreation Soccer and girls Volleyball are also winding down. Both programs are running smoothly and positive feedback continues to come in for the girls Volleyball program, one of our newest additions to our expansive list of programs. Coach Parks continues to do an amazing job with this program. Several of the girls that are participating have found a new passion in volleyball because of our program and are moving onto club volleyball in order to prepare for a potential high school career in the sport.

Open Comment Period:

None

Report from Board Members:

None

New or Old Business:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Arone
Board Chairman, Wyckoff Recreation & Parks