

WYCKOFF DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
February 10, 2014

Andy Wingfield opened the Recreation Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Recreation Office 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.

Present: Director Andy Wingfield, Tom Valente, Ed Pettit, Jeff Eischen, Heather Alnor, Moe Ismael, Bobby Lahue, Peter McGuire, Brian Scanlan

Absent: Sue Buchanan, Russ Whiteman, Doug Arone, Chris Vanuga

Guests Present: None

The minutes of the January meeting were discussed. A motion to approve the minutes of the 1/13/14 meeting was made by Tom Valente and seconded by Moe Ismael. All present were in favor.

Recreation Director's Report:

Spring Baseball/Softball Registration Ongoing

Andy reported that the baseball/softball registration was currently in progress and that it was too early to tell if the total numbers would be up or down from last year. There is one more week left to register.

Opening Day Parade to be Replaced by Pitch, Hit, and Run Competition

Following up on our discussion from the last meeting, the Board agreed to replace the annual Opening Day Parade with a Pitch, Hit, and Run competition. The competition will be organized by volunteers from the boosters as well as head coaches from the Recreation and Travel program.

All Star Baseball/Softball Game Discussion

The Board discussed the pros and cons of having an all-star baseball/softball game with participants from the recreation teams in town. The town used to hold all-star games in the past, but stopped several years ago. The Board was supportive of restarting this tradition as long as there were enough teams such that each one was able to send no more than three or four “all-stars” from each team.

Recreation Equipment Bids Received and Awarded on 2/4/14

Andy reported on the results of our bid process for Recreation equipment. Contracts were awarded to 11 vendors for 283 different items. It was noted that 80 of these items were cheaper than last year and the Township continues to benefit cost-wise from the competition being generated by the bid process.

Girls Lacrosse T-Shirt Slogan Review for Approval/Denial

The Director of the Girls Lacrosse program asked for the Board's opinion on a t-shirt design that was being proposed to him. The t-shirts had a rather garish slogan on the back that might have been acceptable for high school players, but not for younger children. The Board anticipated parent disapproval and was unanimous in rejecting the slogan.

Code of Conduct Committee Update

Ed Pettit and Peter McGuire reported that a parent reported misconduct against the coaches of one of the Township's travel basketball teams. The code of conduct committee met with the coaches and discussed the incident. Andy also interviewed the coaches and two other parents from the team that heard the exchange. The coaches had reprimanded a player in the huddle for not paying attention using firm language. After completing their investigation, it was agreed by the Code of Conduct Committee that the coaches did not act inappropriately in this situation.

Report from Board Members:

Nothing formally introduced or discussed.

New or Old Business:

Nothing formally introduced or discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Moe Ismael
Wyckoff Board of Parks and Recreation