

WYCKOFF DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
December 14, 2020

Doug Arone opened the Recreation Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Zoom Conference Call 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: Rich Sica, Moe Ismael, Chris Beane, Tom Valente, Jen Saxton, Jeff Eischen, Sue Buchanan, Doug Arone, John Giovacco, Mike Ferrara, Chris Perneti

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Andy Wingfield, Recreation Director
Tom Madigan, Township Committee Liaison

Guests Present: None

The minutes of the November 16, 2020 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:

Cooperative Recreation Equipment Bid Review:

The Director advised that the Cooperative Recreation Equipment Bid has been advertised and the sealed bids were opened at 11am on November 11, 2020. 10 companies responded to the bid request and the results will be made public tomorrow, December 15th, at the Wyckoff Township Committee meeting. This bid promotes healthy competition among sports equipment and uniform vendors which results in the Township benefitting from lower costs for its equipment and uniform purchasing. This year, 66% of the items on the bid of approximately 242 items cost less than they did in the previous year! The Director also reviewed with the Board that this bid not only benefits Wyckoff, but also Franklin Lakes and Oakland as the three municipalities work together on this project to increase potential quantities purchased which, thereby, reduces the cost of each item on the bid. By maximizing competition and quantity, the three municipalities realize excellent savings across the year in their equipment and uniform purchasing.

Summer Camp Bids

The Director reported to the Board that the summer camp contracts with Bergen’s Best Soccer, Emerge Lacrosse, the Wyckoff YMCA (Middle School Summer Camp), and Tennis Dynamics have expired and, should the Board agree, it is time to put these specific camps out to bid again so that we can continue to host these camps for the residents. After a brief discussion, the Board voted unanimously to put these contracts out to bid again after a motion to do so from Rich Sica and a second from Mike Ferrara. These bids will be put together over the next several days and advertised sometime in January. The results of this process will be communicated to the Board at February’s meeting.

Recreation Basketball Head Coach Recommendations:

The Director presented the list of volunteer Head Coaches for the 2020-21 Recreation Basketball season for 2nd through 8th Grade boys and girls. After discussion, Tom Valente motioned to approve the entire list of volunteer coaches and Moe Ismael seconded the motion. All were in favor of approving the entire list of coaches.

Recreation Roller Hockey Head Coach Recommendations:

The Director presented the list of volunteer Head Coaches for the 2020-21 Roller Hockey season for K-6th Grade. After discussion, Jen Saxton motioned to approve the entire list of volunteer coaches and John Giovacco seconded the motion. All were in favor of approving the list of coaches.

8u Travel Baseball Tryouts Announced:

The Director announced that he has secured both the facility and the independent baseball evaluation group for the 8u travel baseball tryouts. They will be held on two separate dates Monday, February 8th, 2021 from 4-5:30 for the first half of the alphabet and Tuesday, February 9th, 2021 from 4-5:30 for the second half of the alphabet.

Recreation Board Member Term Expiration:

Tom Madigan advised the Board that our Board will remain fully intact in 2021. Members' terms who had expired have agreed to remain on the Board which will give great consistency going into the new year. Mr. Madigan expressed his thanks to the Board members for their volunteerism and work in a very challenging 2020. He also advised that he would be relinquishing the Recreation Board Liaison title to another Township Committee member in 2021. The Director and several Board members thanked Mr. Madigan for his service with the Board in 2020 and his support in getting several major projects completed, the most significant of which was the completion of the turf field at Memorial.

Field Use Application:

The Director requested that the Board review an application from BBL (Club Lacrosse organization) to use the Pulis turf field for lacrosse practices on Mondays during the winter. The Director advised that there are no conflicts on the field at that time and that all of the paperwork submitted, including the application itself, the Hold Harmless Agreement, and the Certificate of Insurance are in order. After brief discussion, Chris Beane motioned to approve the application and Moe Ismael seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

Post Meeting Note: Since the pause on indoor sports was lifted, BBL no longer needs the use of our field so they withdrew their application.

Football Update:

The Director reported that the football season has come to an end and our PeeWees (3rd/4th graders) have completed their undefeated season as Title Bowl Champions with their hard fought victory over a tremendous Ridgewood team. As reported previously, it was unfortunate that the Junior team (5th/6th graders) had their season cut short due to a Covid exposure but the team was very positive about the experience they were able to get in during this time. Additionally, the Director wanted to inform the Board that John Albanese, our Senior head coach, has offered to host each senior player for an individual review of his season, skill development needed for next season, and what to expect in high school for our 8th graders. In return, Coach Albanese requested a \$50 donation be made to the Jack Hourihan GoFundMe page, a former player in our

program who is currently fighting a brain tumor. This generosity on Coach Albanese's part, along with the generosity of our families, has helped the Hourihan family in this time of need.

Winter Sports Status

The Director reported that the Governor placed a temporary pause on all indoor sports until January. No practices or competitions can take place indoors for the time being. The Director has canceled all recreation basketball practices and games in December and hopes that the increasing Covid numbers begin to decline so that the Governor will lift the pause in January.

Election of 2020 Recreation Board Chairperson:

The Director advised that the Board needed to elect a chairperson for 2021. Doug Arone is the current chairperson and all agreed that he has done a great job as the Chairperson. Rich Sica nominated Doug Arone to continue as the Recreation Board Chairperson for 2021 and John Giovacco seconded the motion. All in attendance were in favor. Mr. Arone accepted the nomination and will continue to serve as Chairperson in the new year.

Open Comment Period:

Report from Board Members:

None

New or Old Business:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Wingfield
Director, Wyckoff Recreation & Parks