

WYCKOFF DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
September 19, 2016

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, Heather Alnor, Chris Beane, Moe Ismael, Rich Sica, Hayley Rooney

Members Absent: Jeff Eischen, Tom Valente, Sue Buchanan, Ed Pettit

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

Guests Present: Domenick Tripodi, Representative from Wyckoff Wash

The minutes of the August 15, 2016 meeting were discussed. After a correction in the attendance from that meeting, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Moe Ismael and seconded by Heather Alnor. The motion was carried.

Recreation Director's Report:

Wyckoff Wash Fundraising Presentation:

Domenick Tripodi of Wyckoff Wash was in attendance to present a fundraising idea to the Board. The fundraising program involves the Wyckoff Wash giving the Recreation or Travel program car wash tickets for our program to sell. The tickets are sold to our program for \$5 each and sold by our program for \$10 each so that a \$5 profit on each ticket is earned. Chris Beane advised Mr. Tripodi and the Board that our Travel Baseball Boosters used this as one of their fundraisers this past summer and it was very successful. The Director advised that he would share this idea with our other Booster programs and the Board thanked Mr. Tripodi for coming.

Fall Program Update:

The Director reported to the Board that all of the fall sports programs have begun and are off to a successful start. Soccer began playing games the weekend of September 10th, girls volleyball has begun practicing, and football started its game schedule this past weekend on September 17th with all of our 'A' and 'B' teams winning their contests. The Director also reported that our Adult Fitness program, part of our adult passive recreation program and our children's passive recreation program, Arts & Crafts (Forest Fairies), were set to start in the first week of October. The Director reminded the Board that these programs were created to offer a passive, non-competitive program for adults and children to participate in and they have been met with very positive responses from our residents.

Pulis Field Update:

The Director advised the Board that one of the final stages of the project at the Pulis Turf Facility has been completed. The lighting system was officially turned on for the first time on Wednesday, September 7th. Several residents, Township Committee members including Mayor

Rooney, and board members of the YMCA, Torpedoes Soccer Club, and the Wyckoff Parks & Recreation Foundation were in attendance. The lights were turned on remotely by the Director to the cheers of several children who were practicing on the field at the time. One final stage remains to complete the project which is the opening of Charles Avenue. Work has already commenced at this section of the facility.

Travel Sports Tryouts to Begin in October:

The Director advised that tryouts for Travel Baseball, Softball, and Basketball will begin next month. The procedure of having outside independent evaluators was reviewed with the Board and board members were invited to observe the tryouts when they occur. The Director reported that the same companies that ran the tryouts and submitted evaluations last year would be performing the same task this year. The wealth of experience in their specific sports, along with the fact that they are from outside the immediate area will ensure that we have a quality tryout process again this year with professionals who have no personal knowledge of the children trying out and, therefore, no bias toward or against any of the participants.

Fall Coach Recommendations:

A list of Grade 5-12 Soccer Head Coaches was presented to the Board for their review. After the Director confirmed that each of the coaches have completed their Rutgers Safety course, their Criminal Background Check, and their online Concussion training, Chris Beane motioned to approve the entire list of Head Coaches and Jeff Eischen seconded the motion. All were in favor of approving the list of head coaches.

Facility Use Request Reviews/Approvals:

The Chairman requested the Board review the following field use application, 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. One application was discussed by the Board and approved for use/rental. The applications at this meeting included the following:

1. Eastern Christian School – This private school, whose Middle School is in Wyckoff, requests the use of the Memorial Tennis Court Facility for their High School tennis program in the fall. Eastern Christian School is one of the organizations that the Wyckoff Recreation Department has a reciprocal agreement with (approved by the Board in January) in which each party uses the other's facility throughout the year. Eastern Christian uses our tennis courts in the fall and spring while the Recreation Department has use of their middle school gymnasium for basketball in the winter.

The Chairman advised the Board that that the Director's 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 the applications after a motion to approve them was made by Heather Alnor and seconded by Rich Sica.

Football Update:

The Director reported that Football games began over the weekend and that all 10 of our 'A' and 'B' teams had great success on the field this weekend. The Concession Stand was fully staffed for the full slate of games, and other volunteers including chain gang, announcers, and coaches made it a very special opening weekend for all of our players. Along with the same amount of

game officials working every A and B game, a professional certified athletic trainer was also present at all games to oversee any injuries to players or cheerleaders that may have occurred.

Open Comment Period:

No comment.

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