

**Borough of Wood Ridge**  
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These are the Recreation Commission Meeting minutes for the Recreation Commission Meeting of January 7, 2015 (reorganization meeting).

Dennis Brubaker called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. After the Sunshine Law was read, attendance was taken, attendees were:

Dennis Brubaker – in attendance,  
Toniann Azzolini – not in attendance,  
John Gingerelli – in attendance,  
Jerry Lanzerotti – not in attendance,  
Bryon Parisi: – in attendance,  
Barbara Fischkelta – in attendance,  
Tony Sartori – in attendance

Phil Facendola – not in attendance

Council liaison Ezio Altamura was in attendance. Jacki Goldklang was also in attendance.

*A motion was made by Tony Sartori, to accept the December 10, 2014 minutes, seconded by Dennis Brubaker, vote taken; all ayes, Motion passed.*

**Dennis Brubaker suspended the regular order of business for the 2015 reorganization.**

**2015 Slate of Officers**

*A motion was made by Tony Sartori to nominate Dennis Brubaker for the 2015 Chairman of the Wood Ridge Recreation Commission.* Tony mentioned that Dennis does a great job as chairman. The motion was seconded by Barbara Fischkelta. Vote was taken; Dennis Brubaker – abstain, Jerry Lanzerotti – NIA, John Gingerelli – Yes, Toni Ann Azzolini – NIA, Barbara Fischkelta – Yes, Tony Sartori – Yes. Motion passed.

*A motion was made by Tony Sartori to nominate Jerry Lanzerotti for the 2015 Vice Chairman of the Wood Ridge Recreation Commission.* Tony mentioned that Jerry does a great job as vice- chairman. The motion was seconded by Bryon Parisi. Vote was taken; Dennis Brubaker – Yes, Jerry Lanzerotti – NIA, John Gingerelli – Yes, Toni Ann Azzolini – NIA, Barbara Fischkelta – Yes, Tony Sartori – Yes. Motion passed.

*A motion was made by Tony Sartori to confirm the dates below as the 2015 Recreation Commission regular meeting dates.* The motion was seconded by Barbara Fischkelta. Vote was taken; Dennis Brubaker – Yes, Jerry Lanzerotti – NIA, John Gingerelli – Yes, Toni Ann Azzolini – NIA, Barbara Fischkelta – Yes, Tony Sartori – Yes. Motion passed.

**2015 Wood Ridge Recreation Commission Meeting Dates**

January	7th	7:30
February	4th	7:30
March	11th	8:00
April	8th	8:00
May	13th	8:00
June	10th	8:00
July	15th	8:00
August	No Meeting	
September	9th	8:00
October	14th	8:00
November	4th	7:30
December	9th	7:30
January 2016	6th (reorganization mtg)	7:30

*A motion was made by Tony Sartori to acknowledge the 2015 Recreation Commission liaisons as listed below.* The motion was seconded by Bryon Parisi. Vote was taken; Dennis Brubaker – Yes, Jerry Lanzerotti – NIA, John Gingerelli – Yes, Toni Ann Azzolini – NIA, Barbara Fischkelta – Yes, Tony Sartori – Yes. Motion passed.

**2015 Wood Ridge Recreation Commission Liaisons**

<b><u>Sport</u></b>	<b><u>2014 Liaisons</u></b>
Seniors	DennisBrubaker DennisBrubaker/
Memorial Day Parade	Jerry Lanzerotti
Summer Recreation Program	Dennis Brubaker/Barbara Fischkelta
Track & Field	GerryLanzerotti
Soccer (Fall and Indoor)	Gerry Lanzerotti/Barbara Fischkelta
YMCA	ToniAnnAzzolini
Girl's Softball	Toni Ann Azzolini/John Gingerelli

Ragamuffin Parade	Toni Ann Azzolini
Adult 35 and over Softball	ToniAnnAzzolini
Football/Cheering	Bryon Parisi/John Gingerelli
Little League	Tony Sartori/Barbara Fischkelta
Men's Basketball	John Gingerelli
Babe Ruth Baseball	JohnGingerelli/TonySartori
Jr. Wrestling	Bryon Parisi
Basketball	Tony Sartori/Barbara Fischkelta
Camps	Tony Sartori

### **Hearing of Citizens:**

**Dan Eckert, President of Recreation Basketball** was in attendance to give the commission an update. Games begin this weekend. Games will be played on Saturdays only, leaving Sundays for family day and make ups. So far, 22 sponsors. Photos were taken and the website showing schedules is up and running. Jacki will forward to commission.

**Bobby Gaeta, President of Recreation Travel Basketball** was in attendance to report that a child, 1<sup>st</sup> grader was dropped off at the WRIS Gym for practice at 3:30 p.m. and there was no practice. Around 5:20 he went up to a female basketball coach crying and saying that he was scared. His mother was called and he was picked up. Jacki and Dennis will place a follow-up call to his mom requesting that going forward, the child be brought into practice, right to his coach.

**Paul Dahl, Emergency Management Coordinator** was in attendance to distribute and discuss the Recreation Department Field and Facilities Checklist and explain how to complete it. Jacki and Dennis will meet next week and if the weather permits they will try to complete it.

**Michael Gibney, Wood Ridge Travel 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Coach.** Stated that this was harassment that the Recreation Commission took statements from North Arlington. He was not escorted out. He was sitting in his car playing candy crush and four cops surrounded his car. The game was out of hand. His kids were injured. One kid got stiches, one kid was bleeding. He stayed outside and did not go back into the gym. He said that he had no issue with the police. He sat out and did not coach the last game. He did that because he

respect the Recreation Commission. He is 52 years old and to have to defend himself is unacceptable.

**Monica Roscoe**, recently certified coach that signed a protecting our kids. She is 1000% for what Mike did at the tournament. She said that she should be lodging a complaint. Mike turned the team around. Mike showed the boys sportsmanship. It is tough to keep the tempers of boys this age under control and in tow. Mike did not want to play in this tournament but North Arlington requested us. To suspend Mike without asking the parents is unacceptable. Her son A.J. was touched by a North Arlington coach. She was advised to file a police report but has not yet filed one.

**Patricia Gibney**, wife of Coach Michael Gibney, called North Arlington to file a complaint against the 8<sup>th</sup> grade coaches. She was told that if she wanted to file a complaint, it had to be in writing. Was asked if she filed the complaint. She said that she had not filed one yet.

**Dr. Lopez Ashiri Lopez, Avalon Apartments**, played basketball. Coach Mike shows toughness and discipline this year. He knows the plays and knows the game. It is a travesty to have a coach on the board that does not treat the players fairly. The same favoritism that you showed in football, I see this is how the board is going to go. This is not over. I am going to take care of you for what you did to my boy during football season. We are not done in a long run.

**Bobby Gaeta, President of Wood Ridge Travel Basketball**, stated that Mike knows the game, he does not think he should be suspended for the year. The parents cannot get their money back and the league fee was \$1050 per team.

**Monica Roscoe**, it's not about the money, the kids want to play.

**Jose Rodriguez**, supports the coach 100%.

**Taline Rodriguez**, moved to Wood Ridge to show her kids a different environment. Before the incident in the gym happened the police were already at the door. North Arlington lady called her a low life. Her son was smacked and landed face first on his face. They were kept from taking their kids off of the court.

**Bob Paken**, assistant coach of Wood Ridge 8<sup>th</sup> grade Travel Basketball team, went against Mike and kept the kids on the court to finish the game. He asked the kids if they wanted to finish and they did.

**Michael Gibney**, the referees were High School Certified refs. The male referee, seemed to be the problem. He yelled at Bob Paken for no reason while he was doing the book and not even paying attention to the game.

**Tiasha Lopez**, everyone thinks because we live in Avalon, we are low lives. We want to play with Mike. Last year we drove 30-45 minutes every game to lose. Mike did not do

anything any other coach would not have done. Perhaps if the Recreation Commission came to the games and supported the kids they would see. They did not have a good experience last year, this year is much better. Her son will leave the team if Mike does not coach and then they will be down to five players.

**A.J. Roscoe**, player, refs were bad in the game, the guys showed bad sportsmanship. Wood Ridge did well.

**Jackie West**, parent, this is a bunch of b.s. They all agree they want Mike to coach. They have already paid \$400 each. We do not want our money back, we want to play. Mike did not do anything to warrant the police coming. Kids are happy and parents are happy. Parents want the kids to play.

**Steve West**, Mike is passionate and loves the game. As a police officer, I will go to every game. I will be there to make sure that Mike stays in check and if not he will take the fall and responsibility. Mike is like Bobby Knight. He never put his hands on anyone. He gets excited. He will do whatever needs to be done. Steve was not at the game but his parents told him that it was not as bad as it sounded or looked. Steve is willing to act as a liaison to the team. On Saturday at the St. Mary's game, Mike did not coach. He sat on the other side of the gym. He put his head in his hands. No screaming, no yelling.

**Rana Brookins**, the event was blown out of proportion. The North Arlington coach went after a Wood Ridge player (A.J. Roscoe) The parents were called names by the referees wife. They were verbally attacked in the stands. A.J.'s parents remained calm but Rana said that if it were her there would have been an all-out brawl. Her son received 5 stiches the night before. Talking trash.

**Andy Roscoe**, a kid jumped on his son. He told Mike that this was uncalled for.

**Mike Gibney**, he coaches because he loves the kids. He does not need to be scrutinized. He has deep roots in town. Nice year so far. Championship game that he did not want to be a. Two coaches bolted off the bench. Tables would be turned if he did not protect the children. He asked for the 2<sup>nd</sup> technical foul. They said you are out of here. He went into his car, put the football game on the radio and played candy crush. He sat in his car and waited for his wife and child.

**\*\* Correspondence from North Arlington referee and North Arlington Director of Basketball were read as part of Hearing of Citizens.**

### **Correspondence Outgoing**

N/A

### **Correspondence Incoming**

Letter from the President of the North Arlington Boys Basketball re: Tournament incident

Email from Basketball Official re: North Arlington Tournament incident

Email from Wood Ridge parent re: North Arlington Tournament incident

## **Flyers to the School**

Indoor Soccer 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade

### **Permits**

N/A

### **Bills:**

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>P/O2014</b>
Clarena Perez	\$175	217 Wrestling	R1401535
JDM Associates	\$664	217 Wrestling	R1401533
Jackie Goldklang	\$1,768.18	217 Wrestling	R1401529
Designs Advantage	\$160	202 Babe Ruth	R1401528
Designs Advantage	\$50	208 Girls Softball	R1401528
Raymond Kalafsky-reim	\$25.70	201 Coaches Cert	R1401527
Karen Dimonde-reim	\$25.70	201 Coaches Cert	R1401527
Michael Kaseman	\$25.70	201 Coaches Cert	R1401527
New Jersey Youth Sports	\$490	201 Coaches Cert	R1401524
Barbara Fischkelta	\$75	219 Instructors Fee	R1401523
Instant Verification	\$380	201 Coaches Cert	R1401522
Saddle Brook Jr. Wrestling	\$400	217 Wrestling	R1401521
AFA Team Sports	\$532.30	204 Jr. Football	R1401486
AFA Team Sports	\$132	217 Wrestling	R1401486
AFA Team Sports	\$442.50	202 Babe Ruth	R1401486

### **Unfinished Business/Committee Reports:**

- a. **Dennis Brubaker:** NTR
- b. **Jerry Lanzerotti:** NIA
- c. **John Gingerelli:** Football Meeting was held. In attendance were Dave Marchitelli, Russ DeRobertis and 3 cheering coaches.
- d. **Toni Ann Azzonlini:** NIA
- e. **Bryon Parisi:** Wrestling is aware of the problem with the way the WRIS was left. They will make sure to leave the gym in better condition.
- f. **Barbara Fischkelta:** Indoor Soccer for K-2 will begin on Tuesday January 13<sup>th</sup>.
- g. **Tony Sartori:** Basketball did not have a board meeting this month. (see HOC Dan Eckert)

- h. **Phil Facendola:** (Moonachie) Not in attendance.
- i. **Ezio Altamura:** Soccer teams will be invited to the Mayor & Council Meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup> to be honored. Auditor will be in attendance at the February 4<sup>th</sup> Recreation Commission Meeting. All of the sport group boards will be invited. Jersey Pizza (Hackensack Street) held a ribbon cutting ceremony and is looking to sponsor teams. Need to address the AED training classes. (maybe pre-pay for a dozen books to have them in stock). Ezio reported that he wrote an article in the NJ Safety magazine, "Safety through Bifocal Lenses", which is an article about safety and insurance in municipalities. (copies were distributed)

**Recreation Report (Jacki Goldklang):** Request for use of Pomponio Field for a Baseball League for the spring of 2015. We no longer have a baseball field at Pomponio Field. Jacki will refer them to Moonachie. Reported that Melissa Manolakakis submitted her flyer for her summer camp to be held at the WR Civic Center. It will be included in our camp packet. Brian Hansen would like the Union Avenue Field Snack Stand steam cleaned prior to the 2015 season. Ezio mentioned that Chris has a list of items to address prior to the spring. Wrestling is requesting additional money for two team tournaments for next year. The tournaments will be approximately \$400 each.

***A motion was made by Barbara Fischkelta to give Jr. Wrestling additional money to cover two team tournaments for the 2016 season (approximately \$400 each).*** The motion was seconded by Tony Sartori. Vote was taken; Dennis Brubaker – Yes, Jerry Lanzerotti – NIA, John Gingerelli – Yes, Toni Ann Azzolini – NIA, Barbara Fischkelta – Yes, Tony Sartori – Yes. Motion passed.

#### **New Business:**

Following a lengthy discussion the following motions were made.

***Bryon Parisi made a motion to suspend Michael Gibney from coaching for the remainder of the 2015 Wood Ridge Basketball season.*** Following discussion no vote was taken.

***John Gingerelli made a motion to suspend Michael Gibney from coaching for the first five games and any additional games played vs. North Arlington.*** Following discussion no vote was taken.

***A motion was made by John Gingerelli to suspend Michael Gibney from coaching in the 2015 Basketball program as follows. Effective immediately Michael Gibney is suspended from five consecutive games, including all practice time during this period. In addition, Michael Gibney is suspended from any games played with a North Arlington Team regardless of venue. Furthermore, any infraction going forward will result in the immediate dismissal as a Wood Ridge Youth Coach. This decision is not subject to appeal.*** The motion was seconded by Bryon Parisi. After some discussion, a vote was taken; Dennis Brubaker - Yes, Jerry Lanzerotti - NIA, John Gingerelli - Yes, Toni Ann Azzolini - Yes, Bryon Paris - Yes, Barbara Fischkelta - Yes, Tony Sartori - Yes. Motion passed.

**Announcements:**

Next Recreation Commission Meeting will be held on February 4, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Barbara Fischkelta to close the meeting at 11:07 p.m., seconded by Bryon Parisi. Vote taken; all ayes. Motion passed.