

City of Norwich Youth Board Meeting October 7th, 2015

Members Present:

B. Burton
C. Sastri
D. Elwood
K. Thompson
J. Eddy

Also Present:

R. Mason
J. Wysor

Todd Dreyer, Community Development

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by B. Burton

September Minutes: C. Sastri motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by J. Eddy. Minutes were accepted as written.

Guest: Todd Dreyer, City of Norwich Planning and Community Development spoke to the board on two matters. First discussed was updating the playground equipment in Bruchhausen Park. The Parks Commission has updated equipment in two other City Parks (Weiler and River Street). Updating the Bruchhausen park equipment may cost \$27,000. \$500 has been donated to date by a group of children who have a walking group. The remaining funds have been or are being applied for through grants to Chobani and the Constitution Pipeline project. Other projects have been supported by the pipeline within certain distances from their project. Norwich lies within these limits.

Todd also spoke of updating the City's Parks and Recreation Plan. The City's Comprehensive Plan has been updated, of which the parks and recreation are a small part. Updating the Parks and Recreations Plan (last done in 1992) will bring things up to date. Participation by the Youth Bureau and Youth Board at meetings and related programs would be helpful in completing the plan. Discussion followed including possible on line surveys and use of the Youth Bureau's FACEBOOK page. Board members are in support of Todd's efforts to update the plan and will assist where and when needed.

Winter 2015/2016 Recreation Programs: R. Mason asked that winter program registration night be moved from the first Wednesday in November to the first Wednesday (2nd) in December. Programs and activities are in the planning stage, but due to some uncertainties at present more time is needed. Things should be similar to prior years with the exception of Elks bowling. There will be a winter Elks' Saturday bowling, but none in November and December. The only program commencing prior to registration night will be junior wrestling. Registration can still be held separately for wrestling and the youth bureau can assist as needed.

Old Business: R. Mason has been in contact with Rich Barnes of the Colonia Theatre regarding sponsoring a free movie for children this winter. The theatre is willing to work with the Youth Bureau; however they could not give a cost estimate without a date and movie title. B. Burton suggested a school holiday, perhaps MLK day. R. Mason to contact the theatre.

R. Mason has also been in contact with Colgate for a bus trip to a hockey game. Prices will be \$5.00 for ages 13 and up and free for 12 and under. A game schedule was provided to the board. No one game in particular was decided upon, R. Mason to contact Colgate and schedule a game night, either Friday or Saturday.

Having no further business, J. Eddy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:45, seconded by D. Elwood.

The next regular meeting of the City of Norwich Youth Board will be Wednesday November 4th, 2015, 7:00 PM at the City Hall meeting room.