

City of Norwich Youth Board Meeting September 7th, 2016

Members Present:

H. Graves, K. Thompson
C. Sastri, B. Burton

Also Present:

R. Mason

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by H. Graves

June Minutes: C. Sastri motioned to accept the June 2016 minutes, K. Thompson seconded, motion was accepted.

Summer 2016 Recreation Programs: Summer registration numbers were presented. There were 546 registrations. Most all programs showed a decline in registration numbers. The reason for an overall reduction remains in question. Numbers however are higher than earlier years.

2015	688	2014	699	2013	601	2012	588
2011	647	2010	670	2009	612	2008	526
2007	418	2006	401	2005	383		

Individual program totals:

Dance Instruction	20	Swim Team	13
Swim Lessons #1	76	Swim Lessons #2	61
Summer Trips	314	Tennis (3 levels)	28
Pickleball	8	Playground	26

Bus trips this summer were taken to The Enchanted Forest/Water Safari, Binghamton Mets, The Museum of Science and Technology with IMAX Theatre and Planetarium, Chuckster's in Binghamton and the Binghamton Zoo and Discovery Center. Trips remain the most popular summer activity. All trips were provided to the children free of charge and were supported entirely by grants and/or sponsorships.

Transportation charges by the school system doubled from 2015 without prior notice. Swim team bus transportations were eliminated because of the increase and reduced numbers of participants. Alternative transportation for all activities will be researched for 2017.

New ideas for summer activities are needed that will be more popular in nature and at minimal expense. H. Graves inquired if coaches from competitive swim teams will be contacted regarding similar problems.

Kurt Beyer Pool: Kurt Beyer Pool was open 44 out of a possible 47 days despite opening 20 days later than in 2015. The pool was closed three days for weather, had 3 early closings for weather and 1 for pool water conditions. A total of 7,931 visitors were at the facility with the reduced number of days open. The total does not include swim meet participants. KBP closed August 28th because most all lifeguards had returned to school.

Year	#Swimmers		
2016	7,931	2013	10,637
2015	11,642	2012	11,143
2014	9,644		

MOVIES AT GUERNSEY LIBRARY: The Youth Bureau assisted with the outdoor summer movies at Guernsey Library. 4 movies were shown outside and two inside because of weather. Most showings were well attended.

Winter Programs: Winter program planning will be starting soon. Suggestions for new programs are needed but expenses need to be minimal. There was some discussion concerning coaches and program popularity.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm.

The next regular meeting of the City of Norwich Youth Board will be Wed. Oct. 5th, 2016