

City of Norwich Youth Board Meeting December 7th, 2016

Members Present:

C. Sastri, J. Eddy
J. Drelich, K. Thompson
B. Burton

Also Present:

R. Mason, J. Wysor
Mayor Carnrike
B. Doliver, A. & D. Thompson

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM following winter 2017 recreation program signups.

September Minutes: C. Sastri motioned to accept the September 2016 minutes, seconded by K. Thompson, minutes were then accepted. There were no meetings in October or November and no minutes recorded.

Upcoming: R. Mason passed on to the board that a Youth Awards ceremony would be held at the Chenango County Supervisors Chambers on Monday December 12th at 10:30 AM. The volunteers running our winter indoor baseball and softball practices for the past five years would be recognized for their commitment to youth.

Board members were asked think about once again sponsoring a free community movie at the Colonia during a school break in February.

BMX Bicycle Park: The following persons from the All American BMX committee were in attendance to make a presentation about BMX Bicycling: David Lawson, Rob Baker, Phil & Krista Sheridan, Jason Lawrence.

The presentation was made to create support for local BMX bicycle racing, which has become an Olympic Sport. A brief history of BMX racing was made. This activity is all age inclusive, multi skill level and has become a family event. It is a fairly inexpensive sport to participate in, requiring protective clothing and helmets as well as a bicycle. Many types of bicycles can be used and they do not necessarily have to be of the official BMX style. There are many BMX tracks around New York State, none being in the Norwich area. This group would like to establish a track in or near Norwich.

Rob Baker, representing the Chenango Composit Mountain Bike Team talked to the board members about off road/track mountain biking. He has established the local Chenango team and would like to work into the schools. This has become a scholastic sport in some locations. Once again, this is an inexpensive sport to participate in and any age level can participate. There are local trails on State and private property.

There was much discussion between the board members and presenters. The board would like to work with the group to possibly include a bicycling program into the summer recreation schedule.

Having no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.

The next regular meeting of the City of Norwich Youth Board will be Wed. January 4th, 2017 at 7:00pm