

City of Norwich Youth Board Meeting April 5th, 2017

Present: B. Burton M. Telesky

Also: R. Mason

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

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

Election of 2017 Board Officers:

Nomination for B. Burton for Chair Person made by C. Sastri, seconded by D. Elwood, no other nominations were made a vote was taken and passed.

Nomination for M. Telesky for Vice Chair Person made by B. Burton, seconded by C. Sastri, no other nominations were made a vote was taken and passed.

Nomination for D. Elwood for Secretary made by B. Burton, seconded by C. Sastri, no other nominations were made a vote was taken and passed.

February Minutes: D. Elwood motioned to accept the February minutes as written seconded by M. Telesky, the motion was passed. There was no March meeting to record minutes.

Winter Programs: Winter 2017 program numbers were provided. Totals were down 10 from 2016, mostly in the junior wrestling. There was discussion concerning junior wrestling with M. Telesky noting that participation has declined all over in the program and Norwich was not unique. This is a competitive program and there are winners and losers in each event. There are also other activities that may draw would be wrestlers away. All things considered however the Norwich program is doing better than many others. Coach Beckwith did a good job in his first year in that position. There was discussion about volunteers in the program which will be addressed by the director and recreation coordinator.

Other programs ran well and without incident. Baseball and softball were once again run nicely and attendance was good.

Winter Registration totals Total 140:

Baseball 25 Volleyball 21 Dance 10 Plaza Lanes 11 Softball 26 Wrestling 37 Elks 10

Skating Facility: Again, a warmer than normal winter made it difficult to make and retain ice. 2017 was a better year than 2016 for ice skating, but not as good as 2015 when the rink remained open until mid-March. When open the rink was well attended.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Days Open</u>	<u>Skaters</u>
December	1	71
January	10	628
February	6	340
	17	1,039

Summer Programs and Bus Trips: Summer programs are in the process of being planned. Playground cannot be held at Gibson or Perry Browne because of construction and remodeling. An alternate site is being sought. R. Mason has been in contact with The Artists' Palette for summer programming. Jill Kraft of the Artists' Palette is willing to have the playground group there twice weekly (Wednesdays & Fridays) for 5 weeks 1:00 – 4:00 for art and craft time. Other programs will return from previous summers. New program ideas are welcome.

A grant submission for summer trips in the amount of \$3,900.00 has been made. There has been an increase in transportation costs which increased the amount of the grant request. The submission date was fast approaching so the application was done at the end of March. 2017 destinations will include the Enchanted Forest/Water Safari, Wonder Works in Syracuse, Animal Adventure and Binghamton Rumble Ponies baseball game. Guernsey Library would like to co-sponsor a trip to the Corning Museum of Glass.

Alternate bus transportation providers including Bernie Bus and First Transit have been checked and so far have proved to be unaffordable or not feasible. M. Telesky is researching another possibility and will relay trip specifics to them for pricing.

Program signups will be held in June with a separate night for bus trips.

Colonia Theater Movie: The free showing of Pete's Dragon in February was attended by more than 200. Turnout was better than our first free movie in 2016, possibly due to advertising and movie selection. The Colonia staff and management worked very well with the Youth Bureau to make the event possible. The board discussed the possibility of a fall movie event on or near Columbus Day.

BMX Bike Park: The latest development with the proposed BMX bike park is taking it to a location on River Road. The board talked about working with their efforts and possibly helping in some way to assist in building bikes.

Having no further business, K. Thompson motioned to adjourn at 7:45pm J. Eddy seconded.
The next regular meeting of the City Youth Board will be Wednesday May 3rd at 7:00PM