

City of Norwich Youth Board Meeting May 2nd, 2018

Present: B. Burton, J. Eddy

Also: R. Mason

H. Graves, K. Thompson
M. Telesky, D. Elwood

J. Kraft

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by M. Telesky

January Minutes: B. Burton motioned to accept the January minutes as written, seconded by K. Thompson, the motion was passed. There were no meetings in February, March or April due to severe weather cancellations or lack of a quorum.

Recreation Coordinator Report: J. Kraft gave the final participation numbers for the winter 2017/2018 programs. This year's total was 169 compared to 140 in 2017 and 150 in 2016.

Baseball 38 Softball 23 Art Enrichment 18 Volleyball 12 Bowling 24 Dance 11 Wrestling 43

The ice skating facility was open 35 out of a possible 56 days with 1191 skaters.

Summer Programs: The summer 2018 recreation program schedule was distributed. Most programs will be like past summers. Playground has been renamed "Summer Safari" and will be at various locations including the Borden Avenue skating facility two days a week, The Artists' Palette one day, the indoor soccer center one day and Kurt Beyer Pool. The Summer Safari kids will also be able to visit Guernsey Library Park for the playground or story time and will be visited by the Ross Park Zoo Mobile.

Registration for summer bus trips will be Wednesday June 6th and registration for recreation programs will be Wednesday June 13th. Both will be at 6:00 PM at the Youth Bureau office in City Hall.

Summer Trips: A grant in the amount of \$4,920.00 has been received from the R. C. Smith Foundation to help support summer trips. The Summer trip schedule includes:

Trip #1 "The Wild" Animal Park in Chittenango July 10th

Trip #2 Enchanted Forest Water Safari July 24th

Trip #3 Binghamton Rumble Ponies Baseball July 22nd

Trip #4 Kopernik Observatory July 17th

Trip #5 Howe Caverns July 31st

Summer trips are sponsored by the R.C. Smith Foundation, Youth Bureau, Rita's Earth Day Celebration and Guernsey Library

President's Day Movie: The free President's Day movie "Moana" at the Colonia was held with about 200 attending. This was the third year the Youth Bureau has sponsored a free movie on President's Day. There was some discussion about a similar showing on Columbus Day. This will be addressed after the summer activities have concluded.

New Business: R. Mason supplied the board with information about a Box Lacrosse league that will be bringing lacrosse to Norwich. This will be held at the Borden Avenue skating rink in June and July. The proposal has been approved by the Parks Commission.

B. Burton motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 PM, seconded by J. Eddy. The next meeting of the City of Norwich Youth Board will be held Wednesday June 6th at 7:00 PM.

