

City of Norwich Youth Board Meeting November 7th, 2018

Members Present:

K. Thompson, M. Telesky
B. Burton, D. Elwood

Also Present:

R. Mason
J. Kraft

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

May Minutes: B. Burton motioned to accept the May 2018 minutes, K. Thompson seconded, motion was passed. There were no June minutes due to summer program registration. The Youth Board recessed for July and August. No September or October meetings were held due to lack of quorum.

Summer 2018 Recreation Programs: J. Kraft presented the program totals for the summer. Summer registrations totaled 587 which is 19 more than 2017 and 40 more than 2016.

Recreation

Swim 1st Session 87

Swim 2nd Session 61

Dance 13

Pickleball 9

Soccer 1 12

Soccer 2 20

Tennis Beginner 32

Summer Safari 23

257

Bus Trips

Howe Caverns 39

E. Forest Bus 42

E. Forest Drive 1 42

E. Forest Drive 2 33

Kopernik 36

The Wild 46

Rumble Ponies 92

330

Summer bus trips were supported entirely by grants and donations.

Kurt Beyer Pool opened Saturday June 24th and closed Saturday August 17th. (Closing due to lack of staff when most guards returned to school). The facility was open 55 days in 2018 as compared to 59 in 2017. The facility had 4 closings because of rain. In total, there were 9,368 swimmers at the pool compared to 8,790 in 2017.

Box Lacrosse: A summer box lacrosse league was initiated at the skating facility by Robert Leary, a college lacrosse coach from Oneonta. Practices and games were held at the skating facility with local players being recruited. Teams from Utica and Oneonta played exhibition games. The Norwich box lacrosse got off to a good start and should continue in 2019.

Winter 2018/2019 Programs: J. Kraft reported that the winter program schedule is coming together. Most activities will be repeated from previous years. A new addition will be "Tumbling – Introduction to Gymnastics". The youth bureau gymnastics program stopped many years ago when the school system eliminated their program and sold the related equipment. There have been numerous requests to have gymnastics return to the youth bureau schedule. A volunteer coach has come forward and a basic gymnastics/tumbling program has been planned.

Other winter activities will include junior wrestling, bowling and junior bowling, "Get Creative" art enrichment, introduction to dance, volleyball, softball and baseball preseason practices. Most programs will be staffed by volunteers. Wrestling will start in November with the remaining programs commencing after January 1st.

There was some discussion regarding "Get Creative" art enrichment. This was a popular activity last year and provided an alternative other than sports. B. Burton motioned to expend \$1,200 from the youth bureau revenue account for "Get Creative". Motioned was seconded by D. Elwood and ayes were all.

New Business: Board members discussed adding a karate or similar program to youth bureau activities. J. Kraft will research possibilities.

B. Burton motioned to adjourn at 7:33 PM, seconded by K. Thompson, Ayes were all. The next meeting of the City of Norwich Youth Board will be held Wednesday December 5th, at 7:00 PM following winter program registration.