

City of Norwich Youth Board Meeting May 1st, 2019

Present: B. Burton, J. Eddy

Also: R. Mason

H. Graves, K. Thompson
C. Sastri, D. Elwood

J. Kraft

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by B. Burton

February Minutes: J. Eddy motioned to accept the February minutes, seconded by C. Sastri. The motion was passed. There were no meetings in March or April.

Recreation Coordinator Report: J. Kraft gave the proposed summer 2019 recreation schedule. Some changes include splitting the playground program into two, three-week sessions. This might encourage more to participate and make for easier planning with families and taking vacations. Playground will meet Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the ice rink building. Thursdays will be at Guernsey Library and Fridays, weather permitting at Kurt Beyer Pool. Dance instruction will not be held during the summer because participation numbers are better during the winter. The remaining programs will be the same as previous years. With school graduation being a week later this year, youth bureau programs and activities will start the first week of July and run through August 9th. Hopefully Kurt Beyer pool will open the last week of June, adequate staffing permitting.

Summer Staffing: Return to work letters were sent to last year's employees in March. A return by date of May 15th was requested, there after vacancies will be filled by new hires. Applications are available and will be accepted anytime at the Youth Bureau or Finance Office. Recreation staff and lifeguards will be needed. This summer swim lessons must be given by WSI Red Cross Certified instructors.

Summer Trips: A grant in the amount of \$4,315.00 has been received from the R. C. Smith Foundation to help support summer trips. The Summer trip schedule includes:

Trip #1 "The Farmer's Museum" and "Barnyard Swing" (Mini-Golf) Cooperstown, Wednesday July 10th

Trip #2 "The Most" Museum of Science and Technology with IMAX Theatre and Planetarium Syracuse
Wednesday July 17th.

Trip #3 "Animal Adventure" – Harpursville Wednesday July 24th

Trip #4 "Enchanted Forest Water Safari" Wednesday August 7th

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

*****NOTE***** There was discussion by the board to take trip signups anytime at the youth bureau office instead of one designated signup night. This might alleviate the rush and "camping out" in line to sign up. A drawing would then be held to determine who would be going. This might also make for a fairer situation with working parents who are unable to attend specified trip sign up time. Signups for summer recreation programs would still be held on the first Wednesday of June at 6:00.

There was further discussion of additional trip destinations without specific decisions being made.

Meeting Time Change: H. Graves motioned to officially change the Youth Board meeting times to 6:00 PM. Seconded by J. Eddy motioned was passed.

J. Eddy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 PM, seconded by K. Thompson. The regular next meeting of the City of Norwich Youth Board will be held Wednesday June 5th at 6:00 PM.

