

City of Norwich Youth Board Meeting October 2nd, 2013

Members Present:

H. Graves B. Burton
A. Snow J. Drelich

Also Present:

R. Mason
J. Wysor

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by H. Graves

May Minutes: B. Burton motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by J. Drelich. Minutes were accepted as written, there have been no regular meetings since May.

Summer 2013 Program Review: Final figures for summer activities were provided to the board along with use of Kurt Beyer Pool. There were 600 total program registrations.

Dance Instruction	30	Swim Team	32
Swim Lessons #1	113	Swim Lessons #2	101
Summer Trips	178	Tennis (3 levels)	35
Soccer (2 options)	51	Pickleball	12
Playground (2 options)	48		

Kurt Beyer Pool was open 65 out of a possible 65 days. There were 10,637 swimmers. The pool experienced 13 early closings, 9 of which were weather related and 4 for contaminated water. We had 2176 swimmers in June, 6845 in July and 1616 in August. Numbers greatly declined in August as the month wore on and it may not have been cost effective to remain open longer even if guards were available.

Bus trips were taken to the Watkins Glen State Park, The Museum of Science and Technology/IMAX Theatre/Planetarium in Syracuse, Binghamton Zoo and Discovery Center and Enchanted Forest. Funding for all trips was made possible by the R. C. Smith Foundation and Beadle's Earth Day Celebration. An additional trip was co-sponsored by Guernsey Library and their summer reading program "Dig Into Summer". That trip was to the Museum of the Earth and Taughannock Falls State Park.

25 youth were employed for the summer in 33 different positions (some holding more than one).

Winter 2013 Recreation Programs: The board discussed moving winter registration night from the first of December to the first of November. Junior wrestling and Elks bowling both start in November. An early registration would also help make things easier to cover in the office and without the last minute rush to take care of all matters that close to the holidays. After consideration, the winter registration night will be planned for Wednesday November 6th. If there are any conflicts the date can be changed.

Confirmation of Elks bowling, Plaza Lanes Bowling and softball practices have been made. Coaches are being sought for indoor baseball preseason practice and volleyball. Rental of the soccer center for winter activities has been confirmed at \$45/hour. Perkins school of dance will be providing winter instruction, of which details still need to be worked out.

Skating Facility: The rink has been painted white with the hopes of making better ice this winter. Labor was provided by a summer work crew through "The Place" and without cost to the city except for paint.

Discussion between the Follett Foundation and the City is continuing regarding the placement of a roof over the facility. A roof will make ice maintenance easier and may provide for year round and varied activities. Ideas for events and activities are being sought.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM. The next regular meeting of the City of Norwich Youth Board will be Wednesday November 6th, 2013, 7:00 PM at the City Hall meeting room.