

City of Norwich Youth Board Meeting October 7th, 2020

Members Present:

K. Thompson, M. Telesky
H. Graves

Also Present:

R. Mason
J. Kraft
A. Thompson, D. Thompson

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

February Minutes: H. Graves motioned to accept the February 2020 minutes. K. Thompson seconded. There were no minutes from March through September because of COVID-19 no meetings were held.

Summer 2020 Recreation Programs: J. Kraft covered what activities were provided over the summer. Regular activities were not held because of COVID-19. Assembly of groups was not possible. Kurt Beyer Pool was not opened. Summer programs included drive yourself trips, take home activities and others as follows:

<u>Weekly Activities</u>	<u>Participants</u>
Week 1 Animal Adventure (No Transportation)	49
Week 2 Wolf Mountain (No Transportation)	50
Week 3 Take Home Activity - Movies & Games, Night	91
Week 4 Take Home Activity - Art, Games & Planes	75
Week 5 Animal Adventure 2 (No Transportation)	105
Week 6 Co-Sponsor Drive-In Movie & Munchies	60 Vehicles (Multiple Occupants/Vehicle)
Week 7 School Supplies Pick Up	245
Total	463

Trip destinations were limited in that many places were closed because of COVID-19. H. Graves inquired how activities were promoted. J. Kraft stated that Facebook was the primary method along with in the Evening Sun and word of mouth. The traditional flyers sent home through the schools were not possible because of there being no school. The Norwich Police Department assisted with issuing "Tickets" for Free Ice Cream Cones at Dusty's during Movie and Game Night pickup at the skating facility.

Winter 2020/2021 Programs: Winter programs at this time remain questionable. J. Kraft is checking with coaches and the school to see if they are willing to return and if facilities use will be allowed. Traditionally the youth bureau uses school buildings for tumbling, volleyball, and wrestling. M. Telesky stated that he believes wrestling may be possible after January 1st. Facility use however is unknown at this time. R. Mason has been in contact with the indoor soccer center for preseason baseball and softball practices. The facilities will be available from C.H.I.P.S. for rental, however guidelines for use from the public health office are forth coming. Furnace filters have to be updated and occupancy levels of 25% might have to be enforced. There is also a possibility of preseason use by the high school wrestling team for practices.

There was discussion from board members with alternate ideas for winter and summer programs in the event COVID-19 continues to be a factor.

Skating Facility: Winter use of the facility remains unknown also because of COVID. Several possibilities exist including normal operation, operation with limited persons inside the building at a time, no skate loan (bring your own skates only). Public Health has been contacted for guidelines and their response is pending.

H. Graves motioned to adjourn at 7:02 PM, seconded by K. Thompson. The next meeting of the City of Norwich Youth Board will be held Wednesday November 4th, 2020 at 6:00. Location of the meeting is pending.