

City of Norwich Youth Board Meeting April 7th, 2021

Present: J. Eddy, H. Graves
S. Whaley

Also: R. Mason
J. Kraft (Remote)

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 by J. Eddy

October 2020 Minutes: Motion made by H. Graves to accept the October 2020 Youth Board minutes. Seconded by S. Whaley. Minutes were accepted. There were no other minutes to be accepted due to COVID-19 meeting cancellations.

2021 Youth Board Elections: Nomination made by H. Graves for J. Eddy as Chairperson, seconded by S. Whaley. There were no other nominations. Nomination made by J. Eddy for H. Graves as Vice-Chair, seconded by S. Whaley. There were no other nominations. Nomination made by J. Eddy for S. Whaley as Secretary, seconded by H. Graves. There were no other nominations.

Winter 2021 Participation Totals: R. Mason provided winter 2020 participation totals as follows:

Preseason Baseball 27 Preseason Softball 16 Winter Art 10 Winter Activity 36

There was a total of 89 enrollments in winter activities as compared to 143 in 2020. Because of COVID-19 Volleyball, Tumbling, Wrestling, and bowling were not provided. Sixty 60 students were provided with school supplies that were in addition to the supplies distributed in September 2020.

Ice Rink 2020: Ice rink was not open for the season due to COVID-19 concerns. Entry through the building and use/cleaning and monitoring those in attendance were primary. Loaning and cleaning of skates/equipment was a potential problem. An unattended facility was considered, but that may have created other problems.

Easter Eggstravaganza: The Youth Bureau participated in the event Saturday 4/3/21, East Park Place 11:00 – 1:00. R. Mason and M. Telesky were handy with the eggs with additional “Eggspertise” from Abby Telesky (422 distributed). Lots of happy faces.

Summer 2021 Program Planning: Possibilities are being researched by the recreation coordinator. It remains unknown if school facilities will be available (Tennis/Soccer). It may be possible to run these programs in municipal parks otherwise. Playground program may have too many restrictions to run as in the past.

Kurt Beyer Pool: Opening of the pool this summer may be possible. Changes in the number of persons inside the gate may change (currently 240). Masks must be worn inside the gate unless in the water. Spectators must social distance and could be split into “family areas”. Cleaning of the bath house should be frequent. “Bath House” employees could be assigned those duties which will be separate from lifeguard assignments. The kiddie pool might remain closed.

Summer Trips: A grant has been submitted for \$4,000.00 in funding. Trips could be sponsored as they were in 2020 (group admissions purchased, transportation not provided). The school district has responded and transportation is now possible within certain guidelines. A quote has been received for “Charter Bus” transportation to the Enchanted Forest (\$1,651.00). Admission requirements to locations can vary (Proof of COVID vaccination/negative testing etc.).

R. Mason notified the board of his pending retirement in June.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35PM. The next regular meeting of the City of Norwich

Youth Board will be moved to Thursday May 6th, 2021 6:00 PM in the City Hall meeting room.

**Date changed to Thursday for the May meeting only.