

City of Norwich Youth Board Minutes January 9th, 2001

Members Present:

M. Sastri
J. Drelich
M. Jeffrey
R. Mather
H. Cole
M. Eddy

Also Present:

R. Mason
J. Wysor
R.A. Mason
M. McIntyre

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.

October and November Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to accept the October and November 2000 minutes. A vote was taken and minutes accepted.

Winter 2001 Programs: There were 176 enrollments in winter programs. More will be added directly at the wrestling, gymnastics, baseball and softball activities. This promises to be an all time high for winter registration. Individual program registration numbers was distributed to the Board. All programs are running, except gymnastics which will start in February. Board members were asked to visit program sites and complete evaluations for State requirements.

R. Mason stated that some complaints had been made concerning the skating facility not being open. He noted that the facility had been closed twice since conditions permitted ice in December. The first closing was on a Saturday in which 10 inches of snow fell. The second was New Years Day. R. Mason stated that the facility is not maintained on weekends by DPW workers because of overtime costs and their primary responsibility remains with the street conditions. Weekend snow removal has been taken care of by R. Mason and J. Drelich with walk behind blowers and shovels. Any complaints regarding the facility not being open should be directed to the Youth Bureau Office and it will be handled there. Many hours have been spent keeping the facility open on weekends. The City D.P.W. has also worked very hard during the week and should not be criticized.

R. Mason has again contacted Wightman signs regarding new advertisements at the facility. Wightman has promised the missing signs by the date of the Community Skate event.

New Board Members: Up to six new Board members may be available for 2001. Michael McIntyre was at the meeting, with five others remaining interested, but unable to attend this meeting. Another possible member was Ruth Mason who stopped by the meeting.

Memorial Contributions: \$255 was donated from Board members for the scholarship fund established in remembrance of Katie Almeter, Rachel Nargiso and Emily Collins. J. Wysor has remained active working with the families for their requests regarding their daughters relationships with the Youth Bureau.

Parades: The Youth Bureau had entries in the Halloween and Christmas parades. It has been many years since the Bureau participated and it was good to have representation. R. Mason remained hopeful with more members joining the Board that participation in events will continue and grow.

Skate Party: The Community skate Party has been planned for January 28th in the afternoon. The Label Gallery is again the major sponsor of the event which will include snacks, hot chocolate, door prizes and a D.J. service. The B.C. Icemen will be sending their team mascot, two players and a goalie to the event. They will interact with the children and possibly put on a hockey demonstration. Volunteers from the

Board may be needed to assist at the event with refreshments or supervision on the ice. The last event drew 300 participants. R. Mason noted that with the expected numbers attending, most likely there would be no hockey that day. This will also be Super Bowl Sunday, however a conflict is not expected as the skate party will be in the afternoon and the game later that evening.

B.C. Icemen Game: The B.C. Icemen Marketing Director has sold 150 tickets to area businesses to sponsor a Norwich Night for the B.C. Icemen's game February 4th. The event will be hosted by the Youth Bureau, YMCA and The Place. Tickets will be offered free to area residents. Busses will be used to transport the group to Binghamton. There will be a meeting on January 17th, between the Icemen Sales Rep and sponsoring groups. Details following that meeting will be sent to the Board Members. Chaperones will be needed.

Election of 2001 Board Officers: Nominations were received from the Board for J. Drelich Chairman, M. Jeffrey Vice Chair and M. Eddy Recording Secretary. Seconds were made on the motions and a Board vote passed the nominations.

Committee Report: There is one standing committee out updating the Youth Services book. Updated information will be obtained by M. Jeffrey with assistance from C. Sastri. The book will be published and distributed to the teen community.

New Business: J. Drelich has obtained new donated skates from the Skate Shop in Hamilton. Larger sizes and much needed.

Board Operation: R. Mason explained what responsibilities and powers the Board has. Including dispersal of state monies and program development. The Board monitors existing programs and may assist at special functions. The Board also acts in an advisory capacity to the Youth Bureau Director and Recreation Coordinator. Members may also assist in planning summer trips and concerts.

February Board Meeting: The Board discussed meeting days and times in hopes of getting more members to attend. After review the decision was made to have the February 13th meeting at the Borden Avenue Skating Facility at 7:00 PM. The location change will be to show Board Members what happens at the facility when open. The time change was felt to be more convenient. On Board request Pizza will be served at the February meeting.

The next regular meeting of the City of Norwich Youth Board will be held Tuesday February 13th, 2001, 7:00 PM at the Borden Avenue Skating Facility.

City of Norwich Youth Board Minutes February 13th, 2001

Members Present:

J. Drelich
M. Jeffrey
R. Mather
R. Mason
H. Cole
M. Eddy
C. Sastri
J. Maiurano

Also Present:

R. Mason
J. Wysor

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 PM by chairman Drelich.

January Minutes: C. Sastri motioned and M. Jeffrey made a second to accept the January minutes. A vote was taken and the minutes were accepted.

Recreation Programs: J. Wysor reported all programs running well. Most programs will end in February while gymnastics will be starting on the 24th. R. Mason noted that participation levels this year have surpassed the 200 mark making it one of best winter programs in the last five years, possibly ever. The two baseball programs have been very successful and may be changed to the new YMCA facility next year pending agreement with the YMCA. It should be possible and at a reduced cost from this year, possibly even extending the activity duration.

Skate Party and BC Icemen Trip: Both activities went very well and had good attendance. 350 skaters enjoyed the event at the skating facility with music, door prizes and refreshments. Over 100 enjoyed the bus trip which went without incident. The Board expressed deep appreciation for the Label Gallery efforts in both activities as well as the other businesses which assisted in the bus trip.

By Laws Change: A motion was removed from the table concerning a change to the by laws for meeting times. A vote taken to amend the time from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. A vote was taken and motion passed making the amendment. Future Youth Board meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

Committee Reports: M. Jeffrey and C. Sastri remain busy with updating the Youth Directory. This has been a time consuming activity and their efforts are appreciated. Once finished the updates will be included in a new directory to be published and made available for area teens.

R. Mason requested the Youth members of the Board comprise a committee to select summer park bands and trips. Their input for activities might make them more attractive to the targeted ages. Youth Board Members were asked to bring ideas to the next meeting and then meet with R. Mason to discuss possibilities and funding availability.

Kurt Beyer Pool: The Board discussed the repairs necessary at the pool and efforts underway by the City to obtain funding. The importance of maintaining the facility, the numbers of youth enrolled in instruction, competitive swim team and open swim was stressed. The Board requested to be kept up to date with progress towards the facility repair.

Adjournment: J. Drelich adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM. The next regular meeting of the City of Norwich Youth Board will be Tuesday March 13th, 2001 7:00 PM at City Hall.

City of Norwich Youth Board Minutes March 13th, 2001

Members Present:

**M. Jeffrey, Vice Chairman
J. Maiurano
M. McIntyre
C. Sastri
H. Cole**

Also Present:

**R. Mason
J. Wysor**

Vice Chairman Jeffrey called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM

Several members were absent from the meeting do to conflicts at the High School and had related their regrets.

February Minutes: J. Maiurano motioned to accept the February minutes, seconded by H. Cole.

Recreation Coordinator: J. Wysor reported wrestling had ended and gymnastics started which will run through April 7th. One staff member could not start work because of an injury received prior to program start. A replacement has been hired and hopefully the injured employee will be available for the summer program which she has worked in the past.

Work will begin on arranging summer programs and hiring staff. It is expected programs will be the same as in past years. The municipal pool will be available this year with repairs expected for 2002. J. Wysor will be checking to see if the High School pool will be available for morning swim instruction. In the past Otselic has contracted morning use of the Kurt Beyer Pool for their instruction and may do so again this year.

There was some discussion about the location of the soccer program. It has always been run at Gibson School but moving it to the old skating facility on Plymouth Street or to Perry Browne School might be possible.

The skating facility has closed, probably until conditions permit roller blading. This has been the longest and best season for ice skating seen at the new facility. Participation levels have also been the highest recorded.

Director's Report: R. Mason reported researching a possible contract with Coca Cola to provide up front money for pool repairs. Other communities have made five or ten year contracts and have received \$5000 - \$10000 or more. Because of the current machine placements for the City (currently 7, 3 of which are seasonal), coke would only propose a contract of about \$2000 for five years. This would eliminate the monthly checks sent to the City for youth programs. The Youth Bureau receives about \$1200 annually from coke on this basis, so no contract will be signed.

Two more dasher ads have been ordered. All past advertisers have paid their 2001 rental fee with the exception of two. After contacting both, one has agreed to pay the other remains unresponsive. Unpaid dasher ad space may be sold to another advertiser.

R. Mason has been working with a family who would like to donate permanent benches outside at the skating facility in remembrance a family member. The benches will be made of permanent materials and will total near \$1200.00. A brass dedication plaque will be attached to each.

The Place has been contacted and they hope to repeat last years concerts in East Park during the month of July. Last year we split the summer with the Youth Bureau providing August Concerts. In this manner concerts will be held for the entire summer instead of every other week.
Copies of current Board By Laws were distributed.

Old Business - Committee Reports: Youth Services Directory - M. Jeffrey and C. Sastri report ongoing work with updates to the Directory. It has been a long time since the directory was published and most everything has changed. This has been a lot of work for the two and their efforts remain appreciated.

Summer Trips and Concerts: H. Cole had suggestions for Trips including Darien Lake with a night concert, Ross Park Zoo, Baseball Hall of Fame and a Movie at Lowes in Binghamton. Bands for concerts included Nick Andrews Band (Fools at Play), Sliders and Bruce Beadle. The concerts need not be limited to East Park, but could be held at the pool or skating facility.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM. The next regular meeting of the City of Norwich Youth Board will be Tuesday April 10th, 2001 7:00 PM at City Hall.

City of Norwich Youth Board Minutes April 11th, 2001

Members Present:

M. Jeffrey, Vice Chairman
J. Maiurano
C. Sastri
M. Eddy

Also Present:

R. Mason
J. Wysor
C. Ulatowski

Vice Chairman Jeffrey called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM

March Minutes: J. Maiurano motioned and M. Eddy made a second to accept the March minutes, March minutes were then accepted as written.

Recreation Coordinator: Summer program registration has been scheduled for Tuesday June 5th 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the High School Gym. Board Member assistance as always would be appreciated. J. Wysor reported all programs were in the planning stage and will most likely be the same in content as in previous years. Program locations might be a problem because of school facility construction. All sites might be unavailable with the exception of Perry Browne. One playground site and the soccer program has been approved for Perry Browne. J. Wysor will be checking to see if the second playground, gymnastics and tennis might also be moved to Perry Browne. This would place all programs at the same site. Swim instruction and swim team might have to be moved to the Kurt Beyer pool if the High School pool becomes unavailable. This situation has occurred in the past and special arrangements have been made to run all swim programs at Kurt Beyer with minimal conflicts. If the later turns out to be the case the morning contracted pool use with Otselic will not be possible this summer.

Employees from last summer have been asked to reply to the Bureau Office by April 21st as to their return for the 2001 program season. Positions remaining unoccupied after that date will be filled with new employees. In total, the Youth Bureau has approximately 35 staff members each summer. They are mostly part time positions with the exception of some pool staffing. Those knowing youth looking for summer employment are asked to have them apply at the Youth Bureau Office soon.

Changes to the Youth Bureau WEB page are underway to advertise programs and possibly include on-line registration.

Skating Facility: R. Mason reported the facility had the last day of ice skating March 8th. With the season opening December 12th, nearly three months of skating was possible this year with minimal closed days due to poor conditions. This amounts to one quarter of a calendar year, not bad for our location. Plans are underway to open the rink for roller blading Monday April 16th. This will coincide with the school Easter break. Weather permitting the rink will be open at Noon days and resume normal hours of 4PM to 9:00 once school reopens. If participant numbers are low and conditions become unfavorable, the hours will be adjusted. A great deal of work inside and out must be done in preparation for opening. This will be accomplished on Saturday April 14th by the Director and service workers from the Chenango County Correctional Facility.

Three dasher signs are on order and should be available soon. Coca Cola has been contacted to activate the seasonal machines at Weiler Park and Kurt Beyer Pool Park. \$1327 has been received by private donation for memorial permanent benches at the facility.

Budget Review for the Internal Analysis Committee: R. Mason reported to the Board that all City Departments have been asked to review 2001 and proposed 2002 budgets and to report to the Analysis Committee. Any reductions or cuts that are possible should be considered to assist in reducing the tax payer burden. The Director reported the present Recreation and Playground budget was actually less than 2000. The budget for the Youth Bureau (Office Operation) totals \$25,222.00, with revenue from NYS, Contracting Towns for service, dasher advertisements and Coca Cola machines totaling approximately \$32,000.00.

The highest cost associated with the Youth Bureau is the staffing positions, which again are primarily occupied by our local high school and college students.

R. Mason reported on several areas that might be reduced in the budgets without greatly affecting services provided. This could include park concerts, bus trips and state reimbursed money to local programs and organizations. By leaving the State assistance money at the County level, the same groups that now apply to the City, could apply to the County for the same funds, without incorporating the initial outlay in the City budget and thus on the City taxpayer. The Bureau Director is scheduled to appear before the Analysis Committee April 16th.

Members present discussed the possibility of soliciting local business and organization support for park band sponsorship. Sherburne reportedly runs summer concerts that are paid for by such groups.

Committee Reports: M. Jeffrey and C. Sastri continue their efforts in updating the Youth Services Directory.

No youth members were present to report their requests for park bands or trips.

Having no new business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

The next regular meeting of the City of Norwich Youth Board will be Tuesday, May 15th, 2001, 7:00 PM at City Hall.

City of Norwich Youth Board Meeting June 12th, 2001

Members Present:

M. Jeffrey - Vice Chair
J. Maiurano
C. Ulatowski
R. Mason
C. Sastri

Also Present:

R. Mason
J. Wysor

Vice Chair Jeffrey called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM

April Minutes: C. Sastri motioned to accept the minutes a second was made by C. Ulatowski, the minutes were accepted.

Recreation Programs: J. Wysor reported program registration was well attended and went smoothly. 357 registrations have been received so far putting the total above last years for this time of the summer. Individual totals were given for the summer programs. The help of those Board members at registration night was appreciated.

Summer programs are ready to proceed however soccer remains a problem. All sites requested have been denied by the school because of construction. As a result it will be moved to Plymouth Street at the old skating facility. The building remains available with restrooms and storage. A temporary fence will be erected to keep players and balls out of the street and temporary goals must be located.

Program staffing continues to be filled. Gymnastics positions remain open as well as a soccer, tennis and one life guard.

Skating Facility: R. Mason reported the facility will resume summer hours July 1st, opening at noon and closing at 9:00 PM. As in past years if attendance is low during the day because of heat, the facility will not open till later in the day/evening.

There will be no organized activities at the rink, however some research was done in the direction of inter municipality roller hockey, which did not develop. The Board discussed possibilities of concerts at the rink or movies with large screen televisions in the evening.

New stereo equipment for the facility and pool have been purchased with Coca-Cola receipts. The equipment replaces the donated equipment that was on hand and was never compatible or hooked up properly at either facility. New exterior speakers were also purchased for the pool.

Program Monitoring: Program listings and monitoring forms were distributed to the Board. As a part of our State funding the programs should be monitored by members of the Board and results maintained for State review. If all Board members could visit a program or two during the summer it would be appreciated. More forms are available at the Youth Bureau Office.

Summer Trips/ Concerts: Trips have been planned for Secret caverns, The Great Escape and Catskill Game Farm. The Indian museum was deleted from the Secret Caverns trip due to scheduling conflicts at the museum. As last year, a staff trip may be planned towards the end of the summer.

There has been difficulty coordinating with The Place for the summer concerts. Although an initial commitment was received to jointly provide concerts late developments have proved otherwise. If The Place does not participate the Youth Bureau will start concerts in July as opposed to August.

Committee Reports: The Youth Services Directory committee remains active in making updates. Members of the trips and concerts committee were not present to report.

Government Access Channel: The channel is up and running and has been received well by members of the community that have called the Youth Bureau Office. This may have increased our enrollment at registration night. At present channel updates must be made at the tower on Polkville hill. Eventually they will be made directly from City Hall.

Summer Recess: The Youth Board will recess for the summer and meet again Tuesday September 11th, 7:00 PM at City Hall.

The meeting was adjourned by Vice Chair Jeffrey at 7:55 PM.

TO: Members of the City Youth Board

**FROM: R. Mason
Youth Bureau**

SUBJECT: September Youth Board Meeting

DATE: September 12th, 2001

Two members of the Board were present for the September 11th meeting. As a result no meeting was held. Possibly the developments around the country that date were responsible for the absences.

It is necessary to discuss funding allocations for 2002 programs cosponsored by The YMCA, Blues Festival and The Gathering Place.

The next regular meeting of the City of Norwich Youth Board will be Tuesday, October 9th, 7:00 PM at the City Hall meeting room.

City of Norwich Youth Board Meeting October 9th, 2001

Members Present:

J. Drelich, Chairman
M. Jeffrey
C. Sastri
J. Maiurano
M. Eddy
C. Ulatowski

Also Present:

R. Mason
J. Wysor

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Drelich

June Minutes: C. Sastri motioned to accept the June minutes as written. J. Maiurano seconded the motion and the minutes were accepted.

Recreation Coordinator: J. Wysor reported the all summer programs went well and it had proved to be one of the busiest summers yet. Numbers of participants from all programs was submitted to the Board including numbers from various townships. At present there is one sponsored activity operating, girls basketball training. This is being held at the high School and will run through mid-November.

Winter program registration will be held in early December. Gymnastics will probably be run as in previous years. Junior wrestling may start earlier this year (December) to help prepare the youth for tournaments that are held during that time. Depending on completion date and availability of the new YMCA the location of the baseball and softball training remains unknown. The Bureau is in need of a supervisor for the bowling program. The activity commences in January and runs for approximately ten weeks on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:30 till 5:00. Supervision of about twenty youth per day is necessary.

Summer trips and concerts: All summer concerts were held in East Park. Trips taken included The Great Escape and white water rafting on the Black River. Scheduled trips to The Catskill Game Farm and Indian Museum and Secret Caverns were cancelled because of low numbers of registrants.

Funding Allocations for 2002: Applications for funding have been received from the YMCA (Midnight Madness in December) and the Chenango Blues Association (Summer Blues Workshops). Both programs have been run successfully in the past. Each organization has requested \$1000 in support funding which is reimbursable from the State Office of Children and Family Services. Final figures from the State of the exact total which will be available has yet to be received but should approximate the \$2,232.00 that was available in 2001. No application has yet been received from The Gathering Place for summer and December workshops. Funding that becomes available could be allocated for that organization.

Skating Facility: The facility hours during the summer were cut back because of the low number of skaters, possibly because of the unusually warm months. Fall hours of operation are 4:00 PM till 9:00 PM. The attendants are closing early if no skaters are present. Most likely the rink will close in mid October if the numbers stay low and weather deteriorates.

Maintenance has been completed at the rink by workers from Camp Georgetown. The memorial benches have also been placed. Repairs of the rink doors needs to be done and will be completed by R. Mason and J. Drelich.

R. Mason reported four new dasher advertisements have been put up on the rink. An effort will be underway to recruit new advertisers as about forty more signs could be added. The proceeds from the ads support the facility and equipment making it possible to remain a free activity for the youth. J. Drelich and C. Ulatowski may work together preparing photos of signs to be mailed to prospective advertisers.

C. Ulatowski stated The Label Gallery would like to sponsor the Community Skate Party January 20th. This has been a great afternoon in past years and attracts a large number of people.

Committee Reports: M. Jeffrey reported she is nearing completion of the Youth Service Directory. Once completed a printer will be located and book produced.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

The next regular meeting of the City of Norwich Youth Board will be Tuesday November 13th, 2001 7:00 PM at City Hall

City of Norwich Youth Board Meeting November 13th, 2001

Members Present:

C. Sastri
J. Maiurano
C. Ulatowski
R. Mason

Also Present:

R. Mason
J. Wysor

The meeting came to order at 7:08 PM

October Minutes: J. Maiurano motioned to accept the October minutes. C. Ulatowski made a second and the minutes were accepted.

Winter Recreation Programs: J. Wysor reported that the winter programs were coming together. Junior wrestling will be starting in December this year, a month earlier than in previous years. This will enable the youth that participate to prepare for seasonal tournaments that are held prior to the start of our usual January start up. The tournaments are above and beyond the Youth Bureau function and not a part of our program.

Gymnastics will begin again most likely in February, after the high school season is complete. This will open up gym space and make people available to work the activity. Bowling will be scheduled for Tuesdays and Wednesdays after the first of the year, running 3:30 PM till 5:00 both days. A bowling instructor still needs to be located.

Still being researched is the possibility of adding Introduction to Tae Kwon Do and Rock-Climbing. These may be held at the Lewis Martial Arts Center on Elm Street. Details must still be worked out.

Girls Softball training will be held starting in January. Boy's Baseball Training will also be held pending locating a coach to run the program.

Winter Program Signups will be held Tuesday December 4th, 6:00 PM at Room #1 of the High School. Board Members who can help with registration are needed. Please advise the Youth Bureau Office if anyone can assist.

Allocations for 2002: Applications for support funding were received from The Gathering Place for their summer and winter workshops. \$250 was requested for each activity to total \$500.00. Previously the Board approved \$1000 funding for the Blues Festival and YMCA Midnight Madness. We have yet to be advised by New York State how much money will be available for assistance next year. During 2001 \$2232.00 was available. The Gathering Place assistance may be adjusted accordingly. Assistance we give these organizations is reimbursable from the State Office of Children and Family Services.

Skating Facility: R. Mason and J. Drelich have completed Repairs to the rink doors.

The committee discussed at length to push for more dasher advertisement sales. An effort will be put forth after the December meeting. At that time the facility should be open for ice skating and larger crowds may help in selling ads.

Committee Reports: M. Jeffrey has been in contact with the Youth Bureau Office and is progressing with the youth services directory.

New Business: The Youth Board will again be decorating the park pagoda for the tree lighting ceremony. The lighting ceremony is scheduled for Monday November 26th at 6:30 PM. Board Members who are willing to help decorate the pagoda are asked to donate some of their time Saturday morning November 24th at 10:00 PM.

The Annual County Youth Worker/Volunteer recognition awards will again be held Saturday December 1st, 1:00 PM at the Council of the Arts. This year the awards will honor Julian Drelich from the City Youth Board for his time and efforts at the skating facility and Gary and Roselynn Baker for their dedication and work with the Norwich Little League.

The Christmas Parade of Lights will be held Saturday November 24th at 6:30 PM. The Board discussed having an entry in the parade this year. C. Ulatowski may have access to a trailer, which we can build on. R. Mason will make arrangements to have an area in the old firehouse to work on it and will access a power generator. This will be a difficult project being time is short. **Help is needed.** If any Board Members have lights, decorations, ideas or some extra time for a few evenings please call the Youth Bureau Office to help. We would also like to have some volunteers walk along side the float and hand out candy and winter program fliers to the children.

R. Mason attended a meeting in Syracuse about building skate parks. Relative information was obtained and this may not be a difficult objective to reach. The issue was discussed at length by the Bard and will be addressed again at the December meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM. The next regular meeting of the City of Norwich Youth Board will be Tuesday December 11th, 2001 7:00 PM at City Hall.

Dates and Times to remember: Dec. 4th 6:00 room #1 at the High School Winter Program Signups
December 1st 1:00 PM Council of the Arts Youth Awards
November 24th 10:00 AM Pagoda Decorating
November 24th 6:00 PM Festival of Lights Parade
November 26th 6:30 PM Tree Lighting Ceremony
Anytime soon, build a float for the parade

City of Norwich Youth Board Meeting December 11th, 2001

Members Present:

J. Drelich, Chairman
M. Jeffrey
M. Eddy
J. Maiurano
C. Ulatowski, Advisor

Also Present:

R. Mason
J. Wysor

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM

November Minutes: The November minutes were accepted as written

Winter 2002 Recreation Programs: J. Wysor reported there were thus far 184 program enrollments. The breakdown as follows: gymnastics 74, Bowling 19, Softball 4, baseball 10, wrestling 36 and self defense 41. Compared to past years the numbers have already exceeded some and are approaching a new record. Self-defense/rock climbing is a new program and filled quickly. Registrations continue to be received at the office. If more registrations are not received for the baseball and softball the program may be cancelled because of the high rental cost for the facility.

Junior Wrestling has already started, a month earlier than previous years.

J. Maiurano noted that there was a cheerleading group looking for a facility to practice in. This is a non-school related group of about 20. Funding is not in place at this time to assist this group however they may contact the soccer center on their own for space availability.

Skating facility: The rink remains closed pending arrival of colder weather. The Highway Department is making repairs to the large swinging doors on the south end. New grinding wheels for the skate sharpeners have been received and installed. Work will begin soon sharpening the skates by J. Drelich and R. Mason.

R. Mason distributed a sample letter that will be sent to area businesses requesting support by dasher advertisements. Letters will be sent when the rink is open for skating. J. Drelich and C. Ulatowski have photographed existing dasher board signs to show prospective clients. A list will be kept of all businesses and groups contacted for possible in person follow up. J. Maiurano stated that the Knights of Columbus have already voted to purchase a dasher ad.

The Community Skate Party slated for January 20th and sponsored by the Label Gallery was discussed. Attempts will be made to get the BC Icemen to attend again with their mascot "Bamboni". Also discussed was the possibility of cosponsoring another trip to the BC Icemen as last year.

Old Business: M. Jeffrey reported she is progressing with the updated service directory.

Board Annual Self-Report: Members present completed the annual self-evaluation report.

R. Mason thanked those assisting with the pagoda decorating and program registration night.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

The next regular meeting of the City of Norwich Youth Board will be Tuesday January 8th, 2002