

City of Norwich Youth Board Minutes January 12th, 1998

Members Present:

K. Law
H. Cole
M. Jeffrey
M. Eddy
J. Drelich

Also Present:

R. Mason
J. Wysor excused

As there were insufficient members present to conduct necessary business none was conducted.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION ALTHOUGH NO BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED:

The Recreation Coordinator was unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments. He forwarded his recreation report for winter recreation as follows: There are 157 registered participants at this time with openings in all programs. Registration remains open through the Bureau Office. Gymnastics will start in February because of facility availability.

Business necessary at the February Meeting: Board Elections, Board Annual Evaluation, 1999 Summer Roller Hockey Tournament. Meeting will be Tuesday February 9th, 6:00 PM. All members are encouraged to attend. A calendar of meetings is being forwarded to Board Members. If the day and time of meetings is not convenient for members please contact the Bureau Office and state your preference. Possibly the Board will elect to change the day and or time. Attendance at meetings has not been good.

Recreation Program Monitoring: Board members are asked to please visit a program or two and complete an evaluation form. This required by the State Office of Children and Family Services as they provide some of our funding, as well as assisting in improving our programs. Some forms and a program schedule are included in this mailing and additional forms are available at the Youth Bureau Office.

Skate Party: The Label Gallery is sponsoring a "Skate Party" January 30th 5:00 till 9:00 at the Skating Facility. They will provide free hot chocolate, coffee, popcorn, and a DJ service. They are also donating free skates, helmets, hockey sticks and Colgate Hockey Tickets to be given away. Everything is being provided without cost to the Youth Bureau. The Label Gallery wanted to do this to encourage facility use and remains hopeful that other businesses will follow their example. They also would like to conduct a similar event this summer. In case of poor skating conditions February 13th will be an alternate date. Board Members are asked to stop by that night and assist as available.

Skate Sharpener: Our donated sharpener has been taken to Ithaca by Board Member Drelich where it was returned to operating condition. The sharpener is antique and replacement parts were hand made. Appreciation is extended to J. Drelich for his efforts. Also noted was appreciation to J. Dunkleman for his time at the facility.

City of Norwich Youth Board Minutes February 9th, 1999

Members Present:

J. Drelich
K. Law
M. Eddy
J. Dunkleman
C. Sastri
B. McGuire
M. Jeffrey
A. Levesque
H. Cole

Also Present:

R. Mason
J. Wysor

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM

A motion was made by J. Dunkleman to accept the December and January minutes as written. M. Eddy seconded the motion. All were in favor. (Date change of 1998 to 1999 on January minutes)

Election of 1999 Officers: J. Dunkleman nominated K. Law for Chairman. J. Drelich seconded the motion. All were in favor. K. Law nominated J. Drelich for Vice Chairman. J. Dunkleman seconded the motion. All were in favor. M. Eddy nominated C. Sastri for Recording Secretary. J. Dunkleman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Recreation Coordinator Report: J. Wysor reported the Winter Recreation wrestling program is running smoothly. Gymnastics is scheduled to begin a modified program on 2/20/99 and 2/27/99 due to anticipated absence of two student staff members that will be involved with their NHS team events. Full staff is expected by 3/1/99. The gymnastics program will end on 4/10/99. Indoor soccer is operating. J. Wysor will follow up with Mr. McCumiskey regarding obtaining registration forms for all participants. R. Mason reported the bowling program is running fine and close to capacity. He could use some volunteer assistance on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:00. It was noted that the NHS bowling team has some alumni of the Youth Bureau program. The wrestling program also has an alumni who may be a candidate for the State Finals.

Program Monitoring: R. Mason requested the forms he sent in the January mailing for Winter Recreation Program Monitoring be completed and returned to him.. The state mandates the monitoring and he urged Board Members to visit program sites and complete forms. K. Law reiterated the importance of this process.

Skating Facility Update: R. Mason reported the Community Skating Party sponsored by The Label Gallery was a success with over 300 participants. The Label Gallery has expressed interest in sponsoring a similar event this summer for rollerblading. R. Mason is writing a letter to the editor of the Evening Sun as a follow up for the event. B. McGuire questioned operating hours. R. Mason responded that hours should have been modified for a day when the schools were closed. Discussion followed regarding the ice when the building is closed and ice being ruined by skaters using it when soft. M. Jeffrey suggested signs indicating open/closed times.

A. Levesque brought up her concern for safety regarding increased pedestrian traffic at the Sunset/Borden and North Broad intersection. R. Mason referred her to the City Police Department with this long standing concern indicating no action had ever been taken by the State.

- J. Dunkleman commended the “Zamboni” volunteer crew for their commitment and dedication in keeping the ice in good shape throughout the winter.

Coke Machine Profit: K. Law reported \$57.80 profit for December for a current total of \$967.12 for seven months.

Summer Trips and Concerts: R. Mason requested suggestions for the upcoming Summer Recreation Program concerts and trips. See him with any suggestions.

New Business: R. Mason distributed cards from the Chenango County Youth Bureau’s upcoming Teen Connection - Family/School and Community meeting to be held on 3/11/99 at the High School.

- R. Mason indicated Board Self Evaluation forms would be due in March. This is another State mandate that needs to be completed.

- J. Dunkleman brought up the Summer Hockey Tournament. He is looking for Chairpersons for various committees such as PR, rules etc. He has made contact with a BOCES graphic arts student for signs. He anticipates triple the amount of participants and will need assistance with this event in the upcoming months. A date for the event and break down of team age groups needs to be decided.

- J. Dunkleman brought up pricing information for protective goalie equipment to the meeting. He indicated his concern with safety as proper equipment is currently unavailable. A. Levesque indicated she would make contact with Colgate to request donations. J. Drelich suggested the local shoe repair be utilized for repair of the oldest pants. J. Dunkleman made a motion requesting access to Coke Machine Profits of less than \$400.00 for purchase of one set of new equipment (\$65.00 for youth pants, \$130.00 for a youth chest protector and \$175.00 for a junior helmet). C. Sastri seconded the motion and all were in favor. R. Mason will assist J. Dunkleman in this purchase.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM

The next regular meeting of the City of Norwich Youth Board will be Tuesday March 9th, 1999.
Attendance

City of Norwich Youth Board Minutes March 9th, 1999

Members Present:

J. Drelich
H. Cole
B. McGuire
M. Eddy

Also Present:

R. Mason
J. Wysor

As there were insufficient members present to conduct necessary business, none was done. Topics of discussion included.

Recreation Coordinator: J. Wysor noted most programs will be ending soon. Saturday 3/13/99 the wrestling program will host a tournament at the High School gym. Soccer should likewise be hosting a tournament soon as in past years. Bowling ends 3/16/99 and gymnastics will continue through mid-April .

Enrollment in programs totals 199 to date, 14 more than in 1998. Some openings still remain in Gymnastics.

Program Monitoring: R. Mason reported monitoring forms need to be completed and returned. There have been none done by Board Members as yet. This is a requirement by the State Office of Children and Family Services as they fund programs in part. Forms remain available from the Youth Bureau Office.

Skating Facility: J. Drelich presented to the Board Members information on a roof system for the skating facility. The information from "Titan" for a "Cover-All" system can span the rink without supports. It consists of a metal framework with a synthetic fabric covering rated at 90 pounds per square inch for snow loads. J. Drelich has experience with this company and buildings in Delaware County. Cost estimates for the smallest possible roof for the facility are about \$100,000.00. Members showed an interest in further research into the matter. R. Mason will check with the City Engineer, Finance Officer and some Committees before the next regular Board meeting. Benefits for such a roof would be to extend the ice season, make maintenance easier, provide for many other facility uses, including indoor soccer, possible exhibitions, maybe some B.I.D. uses. Information is available at the Youth Bureau Office.

Roller Hockey Tournament: In order to proceed with the tournament this summer a committee needs to be appointed and start working soon. Last year this was a very successful event and should be continued.

Roller Hockey League: The YMCA is interested in starting a summer roller hockey league at the skating facility. R. Mason and J. Wysor will be meeting with Tom Revoir at the YMCA prior to the next Board meeting.

Annual Board Self Evaluation: The Board self evaluation still needs to be completed for 1998. Sufficient Board Members need to be present to properly conduct the evaluation. Hopefully this can be accomplished at the April meeting. This is another requirement from N.Y.S. D. C. & F. S.

The next regular meeting of the City of Norwich Youth Board will be Tuesday April 13th, 1999 at 6:00 PM. Please try to attend. Should a different time or day of the week be more convenient for Members to meet we could discuss it and make a change.

City of Norwich Youth Board Minutes April 13th, 1999

Members Present:

**J. Drelich
J. Dunkleman
B. McGuire
M. Eddy
M. Jeffrey**

Also Present:

R. Mason

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 by vice chairman Drelich.

The March 1999 minutes were voted upon and accepted by the Board.

Recreation Coordinator: The Bureau is presently polling 1998 summer employees if they might return for the 1999 season. Other applications are being accepted. Summer staff for the Pool and Recreation will be determined during April and May. Summer programs will essentially remain the same as in past years, gymnastics, soccer, tennis, playground, swim instruction, swim team, open swim and the skating facility.

Skating Facility: R. Mason reported some surface repairs are needed and the City Engineer is working on the problem. The facility should open for use during the school spring break in April. Some other repairs at the facility will be carried out by City Highway/Parks personnel and Camp Georgetown inmates. J. Dunkleman reported equipment articles for goalies have been purchased as authorized by the Board at the March meeting.

Drelich inquired about advertisement boards on the rink as a fund raising means. R. Mason will check into costs and materials. Several individuals and groups have approached the Director inquiring about advertisement. R. Mason will check through the Parks Commission for their input. J. Drelich will check specifications and prices at another facility.

Summer Roller Hockey Tournament: Discussion started on the Summer Tournament and was adjourned till after the regular meeting. Vice Chairman Drelich appointed J. Dunkleman, H. Cole and J. Drelich to the Tournament Committee. R. Mason will assist the committee.

New Business: B. McGuire inquired as to if the Youth Board should address more areas of concern other than the skating facility. She noted that broader topics should probably be addressed that may meet the needs of more youth in the community. R. Mason noted that other areas that lie within the scope of the Youth Bureau may include, but would not be limited to youth employment, teen pregnancy prevention, single parent families. The issue was addressed at length by the Board Members present. It was noted that more could be possible, but more involvement was needed by the Board by the way of committees and even attendance at meetings. At present there are sixteen Board Members, with only a few showing up at monthly meetings. The bylaws provide for excusing members from the Board who miss 5 meetings within the calendar year. At the Boards request, R. Mason will solicit for more members. The Board would like to see new ideas and programs.

Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned by Vice Chairman Drelich at 6:45. The next regular meeting of the City of Norwich Youth Board will be Tuesday May 11th, 1999 6:00 PM at One City Plaza. The yearly Board Self Evaluation should be completed at that time pending sufficient membership being present.

City of Norwich Youth Board Minutes May 11th, 1999

Members Present:

K. Law, Chairman
B. McGuire
A. Levesque
C. Sastri
E. Andrews
M. Jeffrey
J. Drelich
H. Cole

Also Present:

R. Mason
J. Fahy
E. Caputo
C. Edmonds
M. Schlafer
N. Andrews
P. Gennet

Chairman Law called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Present was "The Dream" group headed by H. Cole and C. Edmonds. The group addressed the Youth Board with their desire to establish a skate board/ bicycling multi-use indoor facility someplace in the City. They stated they have been meeting for some time now with C. Edmonds to work on establishing such a facility and have even begun raising some funds. The group stated they have used several areas around the City, including private and public property and have been asked to vacate the areas used. They believe there is a need to establish a designated area to avoid conflicts with property owners and the City. The group after presentation to the Board requested assistance in establishing an area.

The Board interacted with the Group and suggested possible use of the Borden Ave. Skating Facility area, as the most likely site. Other discussion included the use of Silver Street and Birdsall Street with designated skating lanes. The group was referred to the Traffic Commission for street use and the Parks Commission for site establishment. The Board supports the group in their efforts and remains willing to work with them. R. Mason stated he has talked with Mayor Raphael about this in the past and plans a trip to Cortland with him to see their facility.

April Minutes: The April Board Minutes were accepted by the Board

Recreation Coordinator: The Coordinator was out of town on business and relayed his regrets. R. Mason reported J. Wysor has established most summer programs and they remain similar to last years. **Program Registration will be held Tuesday June 1st 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM at the High School Gym. As in past years, volunteers from the Board are needed for registration. Please contact R. Mason at the Youth Bureau Office if available to assist.**

Old Business: B. McGuire mentioned funding possibilities for the proposed Skate Park, by "The Dream". Funding might be available from the Greater Norwich Foundation or the Follett Foundation. She suggested guidelines for both be obtained for investigation into the matter.

The Roller Hockey Tournament slated for July was discussed. It is hoped that up to 30 teams may participate. The Tournament Committee remains busy with the work. More volunteers will be needed as the date draws nearer and especially for the event, July 24th & 25th.

R. Mason remains in contact with the YMCA for their summer roller hockey league at the skating facility. This will involve 15 man teams and may start the end of June. Age brackets will be 8-11, 12-14 and 15-18.

R. Mason reported he has met with the Parks Commission and received their approval to proceed with research into dasher board advertisements. The recommended material will be a composite fiber type material. Two proposals for pricing and material were received by the Board. At this time it appears Wightman's Signs from Norwich might be the most reasonable. R. Mason will do more on the matter and meet with the City Finance Committee prior to the June Board Meeting.

New Business: R. Mason inquired of the Board if they might be interested in a Board fund raiser at the Gus Macker Tournament. He suggested using a police radar and setting up a "FAST PITCH" area where participants could have their baseball arm checked for speed. R. Mason used this on opening day for the Little League and raised \$26.00 in an hour for the League. Participation at Gus Macker should be greater with the number of people present. R. Mason will do more research into possibilities. **If the Board decides to proceed, volunteers will be needed.**

Annual Board Self Report: Having adequate Board members present, the annual self report/evaluation was conducted for 1998.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Law at 7:10 PM.

The next regular meeting of the City of Norwich Youth Board will be Tuesday June 8th, 6:00 PM at City Hall

REMINDER: Summer Program Registration is Tuesday June 1st, 6:00 PM at the High School Gym. Volunteers are needed! Please contact the Youth Bureau Office if you can assist.

Volunteers needed for work on the Roller Hockey Tournament July 24 & 25.

Volunteers will be needed IF the Board decides to set up a Fast Pitch tent at Gus Macker.

City of Norwich Youth Board Minutes June 8th, 1999

Members Present:

**K. Law
B. McGuire
H. Cole
J. Drelich
I. Jeffrey
N. Guinn**

Also Present:

**R. Mason
J. Wysor**

May Minutes: B. McGuire motioned to accept the May minutes, J. Drelich seconded, minutes accepted.

Recreation Coordinator: J. Wysor thanked the Board Members for assistance at Registration night. Registrations are still coming in the office and there are some program openings. Several vacancies exist for program assistants in Tennis and Soccer. J. Wysor will be finding qualified individuals for these positions. There will be a meeting for recreation program personnel on 6/9/99 and swimming/pool personnel on 6/10/99.

Roller Hockey Committee: R. Mason stated things are progressing toward the July 24th and 25th date. Registration flyers are available at the skating facility and Youth Bureau Office. Advertisement will be made and posters/flyers put out. The County display board in West Park Place has been reserved for the event. Assistance is needed from Board Members (or anyone else) for time keepers, score keepers, bracket runners and referees. The event is not being run this year by Nate Guinn, although he is assisting. This is a Youth Board function.

Directors Report: R. Mason stated he has been in contact with the Greater Norwich Child Care Development Committee. A brochure will be produced and distributed to all students in the Norwich Schools including private schools of available programs. This project although in conjunction with the Committee it is also a project the Youth Bureau proposed in the application for funding to the State Office of Children and Family Services. The book will be funded in part by the Youth Bureau and the Greater Norwich Foundation.

The Youth Bureau will have a fund raiser event at the Gus Macker Tournament in the form of a "Fast Pitch - Radar ball" tent. An obsolete radar unit is available from the Police Department. The tent will be set up in the City parking lot on the east side of the fire station. Again, volunteers from the Board will be needed to help staff the tent. It is expected to be open 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Saturday and Sunday. If any Board Members are available to assist they should contact the Youth Bureau Office soon. If insufficient assistance is available a commitment to the event may not be made.

New Business: None was conducted.

Summer Recess: The Board voted to recess for July and August as in 1998. Should there be business to conduct a special meeting may be called.

The meeting as adjourned by Chairman Law at 6:40 PM.

The next regular meeting of the City of Norwich Youth Board will be Tuesday September 14th, 1999 6:00 PM at City Hall.

City of Norwich Youth Board Minutes September 14th, 1999

Members Present:

**K. Law
M. Jeffrey
J. Drelich
E. Andrews
C. Sastri
A. Levesque
M. Eddy**

Also Present:

**R. Mason
J. Wysor**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Chairman Law

Recreation Coordinator: J. Wysor reported the summer programs were very successful and ran without problems. Some participation numbers were down in second session programs such as tennis and playground, but were up in others. There was some discussion concerning changing the two session program back to one session (6 weeks) as it was several years back. This will be considered for next summer. The Coordinator was very busy throughout the summer visiting each program and did a good job.

J. Wysor will begin the process of hiring winter recreation staff. Programs should begin again in January, with the possibility remaining of gymnastics starting in February because of facility availability. Winter programs will also include wrestling, indoor soccer and bowling.

Summer pool use at the High School remains in question at this time. It was supposed to have been repaired this past summer, however it was not. Repairs are not expected until next summer which would push the City swim instruction outside and question Otselic contracted use. J. Wysor will keep the Board informed of developments.

Summer Trips: R. Mason reported the trips to Darien Lake and the Ross Park/Discovery Center were popular. The trip to the Roberson Center and Planetarium was not well attended and will probably not be repeated. Trips for next summer may include The Enchanted Forest. Concerts in the park worked well and the Disk Jockey drew a large crowd.

E. Andrews stated that the Council of the Arts has a training session for applicants that may desire grant money for organizations who promote music as an art. Funds might be available to the Bureau to sponsor some park concerts. Andrews is attending representing another organization, but may represent the Youth Bureau as well.

Coca Cola Machines: R. Mason reported revenues to date have been \$1576.59. Use over the summer was hampered with the destruction early of two at Weiler park. They were replaced and then the Pool machine was destroyed. That one was not repaired or replaced. Coke has been slow in servicing the

machines and they have gone empty. R. Mason will work with Coke to correct the service problem and may contact Pepsi Cola.

Skating Facility: Some repair work is taking place at the facility by D.P.W. and Camp Georgetown workers. The flag pole has been put up and a dedication ceremony will take place. The rink still needs to be resurfaced. There is an opening for Rink Attendant at this time. Hours at the Facility may be changed this fall depending on use.

Public Works Meeting: There will be a joint meeting September 29th, 7:30 at the Waste Water Treatment Plant between the Parks Commission, Water Board and Youth Board. Discussion at the meeting will center on possible uses of the nearly 200 acres in the area that the City owns. Use may include recreation areas. Board members are invited to attend. Please contact the Youth Bureau Office ahead of time if any member will be there.

Dream Team: There was discussion about the youth group organized to establish a skate board park. R. Mason reported contact with the group has been minimal. The group should be in closer contact with the Youth Board if they require assistance.

2000 Funding Assistance: R. Mason reported that funding assistance for 2000 programs should be decided soon. Letters have been mailed to organizations concerning their interest and application. Letters of interest will be reviewed at the October meeting. Approved applications will then be due at the Youth Bureau Office by November.

Having no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 by Chairman Law.

The next regular meeting of the City of Norwich Youth Board will be Tuesday October 12, 1999 6:00 PM at City Hall

City of Norwich Youth Board Minutes October 12th, 1999

Members Present:

J. Drelich
B. McGuire
E. Andrews
H. Cole
M. Eddy

Also Present:

R. Mason

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Vice Chairman Drelich

October Minutes: E. Andrews motioned to accept the September minutes, B. McGuire made a second. Minutes accepted.

Winter 2000 recreation Programs: R. Mason reported J. Wysor was working on program implementation and staff hiring. It is planned to run programs similar to years past, including gymnastics, wrestling, indoor soccer and bowling. Programs would commence shortly after the first of the year. A date has not been set for program sign ups but should be early December. Assistance will be needed with registration.

2000 Program Assistance Allocations: R. Mason reported that letters were sent to agencies supported in the past for 2000 program assistance. Agencies should have responded by this meeting, however only two have. As attendance at this meeting was light the Board will discuss the applications at the November meeting. Agencies requesting assistance may still respond by the November meeting.

Skating Facility: Resurfacing of the rink should be done the week of October 13th. The parking lots will also be paved shortly.

R. Mason went to Ithaca and picked up a skate sharpener donated by Ambis Industries. The sharpener will supplement the antique sharpener already in use. If we had to purchase a similar unit it would have cost about \$500. New machines start at around \$1250.

New rink attendant Gail Frayer has been hired to assist on weekends as Mr. Brown will be unavailable. Attendance at the facility remains unpredictable. The rink may be closed in November, until conditions permit ice skating. No special activities are planned at this time.

B. McGuire thought placement of barrels around the City for donation of skates and skating equipment might be a good idea. R. Mason will check into possibilities.

Dasher Signs: 4 signs have been ordered and another group has interest in one. Wightman Signs was contacted in July for the initial signs but has yet to make them. Wightman signs to be contacted again and other sign makers may be contacted.

Waste Water Treatment Plant Recreation Facility: Preliminary plans of the facility were shown to the Board. There were many positive comments and the Board was in support of the project. Progress of the project will be submitted to the Board at the monthly meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 PM

The next regular meeting of the City of Norwich Youth Board will be Tuesday November 9th, 6:00 pm at City Hall.

City of Norwich Youth Board Minutes November 9th, 1999

Members Present:

C. Sastri
D. Drelich
H. Cole
M. Jeffrey
E. Andrews
M. Eddy

Also Present:

R. Mason
J. Wysor

Vice Chairman Drelich called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM

October Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to accept the October minutes. Minutes were approved.

Recreation Coordinator: J. Wysor stated the winter recreation sign-ups would be held Monday December 13th at 6:00 PM at the High School room #1. Assistance from Board Members will be needed as in the past. Sign ups should only take about an hour. Four to Five people will be needed. Gymnastics will be offered again, probably from February through April because of facility availability. Bowling will be offered however a bowling supervisor is still needed. This will only be about 2 hours two days a week from 3:00 - 5:00. Junior wrestling will be held again. Three program people will be returning and J. Wysor is working on filling the other vacancies. John McCumiskey will run the Sunday afternoon soccer program. Skating will be available as conditions permit. The rink has been resurfaced.

Board Membership: R. Mason reported J. Dunkleman has been shipped out by the US Army to Korea and will be gone one year. After his return he will be stationed in Georgia. New members are always needed. Pam Larsen has expressed interest to one Board Member about joining. R. Mason will forward information and an application to her.

2000 funding applications from other Agencies: \$2363 is available for distribution to other agencies next year. The Board is in receipt of three letters of interest. The Gathering Place for their Summer workshop and Christmas workshop. \$250.00 each total \$500.00. The YMCA for their Midnight Madness during Christmas school break \$1000. The Blues Festival for \$1000.

The Board discussed each agencies request and voted to assist the Gathering Place with their two workshops (\$500). Questions remained about the YMCA's program as to the hours and services being provided. The YMCA request was tabled until the December Board Meeting. It was requested to have a YMCA representative present to answer questions at that time.

The Board also tabled the Blues Festival request until the December meeting and likewise requested a representative present to answer questions. The Blues Fest is interested in presenting a workshop for

youth during their 2000 event, providing a demonstration of guitar playing, discussion of the history of blues, music and teaching youth interested in playing an instrument.

R. Mason will contact the YMCA and Blues Festival to have someone present at the December 14th, meeting.

Skating Facility: R. Mason reported the rink was closed November 1st because of changing weather and low skater turn out. The rink will be opened if nice weather returns for roller blading. Once conditions permit ice skating the rink will reopen for regular winter hours.

B. Wightman of Wightman's Signs has been contacted again and will start work on the four signs ordered. The signs should be in place by the start of the ice season. Another group has expressed interest in ordering a sign. Once several signs are up it is hoped more orders will be placed.

Discussion about the rink surface centered around the need to cover the black asphalt with a white plastic to reflect heat and provide for better ice making. J. Drelich has provided samples of plastic that is available. This would serve the purpose but may be cost prohibitive. Because of adverse reactions with using paint last year, the rink will not be repainted. The Board discussed other possibilities including the plastic used to wrap mobile homes while in transit or what many farmers are now using to cover winter food stores.

Director's Activities: R. Mason reported the last month has been very busy with Quarterly and Annual claims to the Office of Children and Family Services, Town recreation contracts for 2000, the 2000 Bureau budget and preparation for a Youth Bureau monitoring by the State. Winter program flyers are also being prepared and will be distributed to the schools in mid-late November. R. Mason will be at Morning program in November at Gibson school to inform parents and youth.

The Chenango County Youth Awards will be held at the Council of the Arts December 4th. This year the City Youth Bureau will be recognizing the Pumpkin Festival Committee for their work on the 1999 Pumpkin festival and Jeff Dunkleman for his work with the Youth.

December Board Meeting: The annual Board self report and evaluation will need to be done at the December meeting.

Having no further business to conduct, Vice Chairman Drelich adjourned the meeting at 6:55 PM.

The Next regular meeting of the City of Norwich Youth Board will be Tuesday December 14th, 6:00 PM at City Hall.

REMINDER: Help will be needed with winter program sign ups December 13th, 6:00 PM at Room #1 Senior High School. Please contact the Youth Bureau Office if you will be able to assist.

City of Norwich Youth Board Minutes December 14th, 1999

Members Present:

C. Sastri M. Jeffrey
J. Drelich B. McGuire
K. Law M. Eddy

Also:

R. Mason J. Wysor
E. Larsen
T. Revoir

November Minutes: M. Jeffrey motioned to accept the November minutes, a second was made and minutes were accepted.

Recreation Coordinator: Registration for 2000 winter programs were held 12/13. 100 enrollments were made and they continue to come into the Bureau Office. Only two registrants were received for Indoor Soccer. J. Wysor will meet with John McCumiskey concerning the program and if there are no additional applicants the program will most likely not be held. The search continues for a suitable site for the Baseball Techniques. Bowling will again be supervised by R. Mason as a no one was found to run it. J. Wysor reported two positions remain open for gymnastics assistants. Two remain open for junior wrestling. There is a possibility that Jim Downey and his wife will run the program Wednesdays for the younger age group.

2000 funding assistance applications: Tom Revoir was present from the Y.M.C.A. to request assistance with their 2000 Midnight Madness The program is open for grades 7-12 and runs 10:00 PM to Midnight. The program offers alternate activities and structured activities. It should run December 27,28,29 and 30 of 2000. There is no fee to enter to program and it is designed to get kids off the street and into a productive program. Past years have had participation numbers from 75 to 150 nightly. The money is needed for staffing, supplies, food and T-shirts. The request from the Y was for \$1000. The Board inquired if the hours could be extended from maybe 9:00. Tom indicated the reason for the 10:00 start time was that the Y was open for regular business until then. This is a program that has been running for many years and has had good success. It has been funded in the past by the Youth Board.

Eric Larsen was present from the Chenango Blues festival requesting \$1000 in support for their 2000 festival. The Blues Committee is proposing a special program called "Blues in the Schools" for at risk youth. During the 2000 festival, the program would be run at several sites including the Library and The Place. The artist will spend several days working with different age groups teaching them to play, write and perform their own music. Funding would be used for the artist, stage, sound system and lodging and the free concert in the park. This year the Festival will admit 17 and under free.

Remaining funding availability for 2000 is \$1863. The Board discussed the matter and would like to assist both groups with the \$1000 requested. This money is reimbursable from the State Office of Children and Family Services. R. Mason stated that the remaining \$137 needed could be drawn from the Coke funds. The Board voted to assist both groups as requested.

Skating Facility: The circumference of the rink was painted white to assist in ice making. This was washed away soon afterwards by rain. J. Drelich has obtained three rolls of white plastic from Titan Homes to lay around the edge of the rink. Each roll is 12'X200. The plastic will be obtained by R. Mason and J. Drelich. In return for the plastic the Bureau will have a dasher board advertisement placed for Titan Homes.

Having no further business, the Board adjourned. The next regular meeting of the City of Norwich Youth Board will be Tuesday January 11th, 2000 6:00 PM at City Hall. On the agenda will be election of 2000 Board positions and the annual Board self evaluation.