

City of Norwich Youth Board Meeting March 4th, 2009

Present: M. Daigler, T. Della Porta
J. Brunschmid, H. Graves
J. Drelich, J. Williams
M. Francis

Also: R. Mason
J. Wysor
L. Brunschmid

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

February Minutes: J. Williams motioned to accept the February 2009 minutes, seconded by M. Daigler, minutes were accepted as written.

Winter Programs: J. Wysor noted that Volleyball and bowling had concluded. Volleyball was a partial replacement program for gymnastics. The volunteer coaches did an excellent job running the first year activity and R. Mason will send them thank you letters.

Baseball will conclude March 25th and softball on March 18th. Both were held at the indoor soccer center.

Junior wrestling will also conclude this coming week and will end with the youth participation in a wrestling tournament co-hosted by the wrestling boosters.

R. Mason stated that Plaza Lanes donated pizza parties to both groups of junior bowlers upon the end of that activity.

H. Graves inquired if anything would be done differently next year. J. Wysor stated that volleyball was well attended, the kids had a good time and possibly that activity could be expanded.

Skating Facility: R. Mason distributed statistics for the park usage during the winter season. The park remained open for skating after March 1st, which is the second time only since the facility was first opened in 1998.

The facility was open a total of 37 days during this time period out of a possible 59, with a total of 2474 skaters for the two months.

An additional week was lost for skating in January due to damage to the ice surface that took that much time to repair.

January	Open 16 Days	1013 Skaters
February	Open 21 Days	1461 Skaters
Open 12	Weekend Days	1324 Skaters
Open 25	Week Days	1150 Skaters (Which included a week of school vacation when the rink opened at noon and one holiday in January)

Chenango Health Network/Reality Check sponsored a Community Skate Party February 7th for two hours. 208 skaters and party goers were at the facility during that time period. Free food, drinks, door prizes and a DJ Service were provided. Three school groups also used the skating rink, which was opened for them on request.

Some discussion followed concerning weekend ice maintenance, the most heavily used times during the week. R. Mason will present the rink usage statistics to the Park Commission at their March meeting.

Summer Programs: J. Wysor and R. Mason will be planning summer activities soon. School construction and renovations have been completed so normal activities will most likely return to traditional settings. Pool use for swim team and lessons remains unknown.

Summer Trips: Funding for summer trips by the R.C. Smith Foundation has been granted. R. Mason mentioned that a trip to Steam Town in Scranton might be possible because of low admission charges. A half hour ride on a steam train would also be included. Other possible destinations could also include the Corning Glass Museum.

R. Mason will be meeting with representatives of the County transit to see if more competitive transportation costs can be achieved.

The next regular meeting of the City of Norwich Youth Board will be April 1st, 2009 7:00 PM in the City Hall meeting room.