

The Youth Board was in summer recess for July & August

The scheduled September 7th 2011 meeting was rescheduled to September 13th, because of tropical storm Lee and the resulting flood conditions.

On the 13th, there were insufficient members present to conduct an official meeting with minutes being recorded.

R. Mason and J. Wysor informed those present of programs held during the summer.

Present were H. Graves and T. Strachman

Summer program totals were provided. Totals were broken down into participants in each program offered as well as those from the City of Norwich and each contracting township. Totals were comparable to previous years.

Playground at Gibson School started with very low registration and ended with more than 30, in part due to the efforts of the on site staff to recruit children. Program #1 and #3 soccer enrollments were low (Tuesdays & Thursday) as a result they were combined into program #2 & #4 (Monday & Wednesday). Additional staffing needed was obtained from an existing playground employee.

Pickleball was offered for the first time and proved to be popular and well attended.

Swim team and swim lessons were held at the High School pool and participation numbers were good. Open swim held at the High School in replacement of Kurt Beyer Pool was not good and probably not worth the expense of lifeguards and called in school custodial staff for weekends (at time and one half rate). Hours were reduced from 12:00 – 8:00 to 12:00 – 6:00. Weekends were eliminated towards the end of the season because of low swimmer turnout,

R. Mason stated that the annual Red Cross “provider” fee charged for certification of our swim instruction was raised suddenly by National Red Cross. The annual fee used to be \$30.00. This year the billing totaled \$582.00, which had not been budgeted. The Red Cross did lower the fee after contact by R. Mason. Other options for certified instruction will be researched by R. Mason, J. Wysor and N. Wessles (pool supervisor) for the 2012 season. R. Mason will also take the issue to the monthly Chenango County Youth Board in September for discussion/opinions.

The Elks Club is interested in running a fall bowling program for early grade school children. R. Mason will be talking with them soon to discuss possibilities. H. Graves commented that the winter program was very good, but suggested that they start at grade 1 instead of kindergarten.

Summer trips were reviewed. All trips were made possible by a grant from the R. C. Smith Foundation and Beadle’s Earth Day Celebration. There was no cost to the City or taxpayers for any of the trips. H. Graves renewed his interest in possible trips to Oneonta Outlaws baseball games.

Winter programs are in the planning stage. R. Mason would like to meet with J. Wysor and softball, baseball and soccer coaches soon to work out details of practice days and times. Facility rental for the soccer center for these programs will be \$40.00 per hour. Some programs may have to be condensed.

The next regular meeting of the City of Norwich Youth Board will be Wednesday October 5th, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

City of Norwich Youth Bureau Summer 2011 Programs

<u>Program</u>	<u>Total</u>
1 st Session Swim	91
<u>2nd Session Swim</u>	<u>75</u>
	166
Swim Team	65
Perry Browne P.G.	34
<u>Gibson P.G.</u>	<u>36</u>
	70
Pickleball	17
Tennis Beginner	33
Tennis Intermediate	15
<u>Tennis Advanced</u>	<u>5</u>
	70
Acro	17
Tumbling	17
Hip Hop	11
<u>Hippity Hop</u>	<u>17</u>
	62
Soccer #1	19
Soccer #2	9
Soccer #3	17
<u>Soccer #4</u>	<u>5</u>
	50
Albany/Secret Caverns	41
Enchanted Forest	41
The MOST	39
<u>Burnet Park Zoo</u>	<u>43</u>
	164

SUMMER PROGRAMS

2004	396
2005	383

2006	401
2007	418
2008	526
2009	612
2010	671
2011	647

Kurt Beyer Pool Use		
Year	Swimmers	Days Open
2004	21,000	
2005	16,753	69
2006	12,000	Opened late because of June flooding
2007	15,000	
2008	16,163	
2009	16,419	59 out of 61 days possible
2010	11,787	53 out of 59 days possible
2011	3,213	(High School Pool)

2011 High School Pool Use							
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
179	457	490	737	519	553	278	
457	Weekend			2,756	Weekday		

Swim instruction was well attended in 2011 as was the swim team. The participation numbers for open recreational swimming appears to have not justified the expense. In particular for weekend coverage which included custodial coverage at a rate of time and a half for the school personnel.

Cost of staffing open swim \$15,929.02 (does not included custodial staffing)

2011 Township Participation Totals			
Town	Winter	Summer	Total
City of Norwich	173	462	635
Town of Norwich	77	142	219
Town of North Norwich	7	1	8
Town of Plymouth	20	33	53
Town of Preston	6	3	6
Town of Pharsalia	0	3	3
Other	0	4	4
	283	647	930