

City of Norwich Youth Board Meeting November 2nd, 2011

Members Present:

J. Williams

B. Burton

Also Present:

R. Mason

J. Wysor

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

May Minutes: No official meeting had been held since May, B. Burton motioned to accept the May minutes, seconded by J. Williams.

Recreation Report: Summer program totals were briefly discussed and it was noted that participation continues to rise yearly, especially when compared to 10 years ago. Summer bus trip destinations were also reviewed, including a trip to the Enchanted Forest which was sponsored by Beadle's Earth Day Celebration.

R. Mason stated that funding remains from the Earth Day Celebration to sponsor in part the winter ice skating party at the skating facility. Door prizes will be sought between now and the party date which will most likely be in late January or early February. J. Williams had a particular idea in mind for a door prize.

Winter program registration will be Wednesday December 7th, 6:00 PM at the Youth Bureau office in City Hall. Board members will be needed to help with the registration. The December Youth Board meeting will follow at 7:00.

There was discussion about rental costs at the indoor soccer center for winter programs (soccer, baseball and softball practices). The 2012 rate will be \$45/hour which is beyond the capability of the Youth Bureau. Alternative sites were discussed. J. Wysor will research other location possibilities.

Dance lessons for first time dance students will start after January 1st at the Donna Frech School of Dance. The number of classes will be reduced from 4 to 2 to keep costs down. Funding application to the Council of the Arts for assistance with summer instruction will be made in December.

Bowling at the Elks will start November 5th. This is the first time for a fall Elks bowling program. Harry Graves will be the Youth Bureau representative to the Elks. 11 children have registered, more may be added. The Elks will also run a winter bowling program on Saturdays after the first of the year.

Skating Facility: New rubberized flooring will be installed in the rink building next week, replacing the torn and stained carpeting. Preparation for ice skating can then be completed. More work is required in the building before floor installation is necessary which R. Mason will complete.

A grant application was made to the Binghamton Senators for used equipment donation.

Alternatives to vending machines at the skating facility and pool were discussed. Machines have been removed from both facilities and Weiler Park because of continual vandalism which has been a great loss of revenue for the Youth Bureau. R. Mason will check into possibilities.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm. The next regular meeting of the City of Norwich Youth Board will be Wednesday December 7th, 2011 following winter program registration.