

City of Norwich Youth Board Meeting June 14, 2023

Board Members

Present:	P. Marks	Absent:	M. Loughren
	H. Graves		J. Drelich
	K. Thompson		S. Stewart
	B. Burton		Student Rep: J. Parker
	K. Hazen		
	M. Telesky		
	J. Eddy		
	S. Whaley		
	J. Hagenbuch		
	Student Rep: A. Telesky		

Also:

- A. Testani**
- D. Thompson**
- A. Thompson**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairperson Eddy.

Old Business

Motion to approve the February, March and May meeting minutes was made by B. Burton, seconded by K. Thompson and approved by all.

YDB A. Testani gave an update on the summer programs. All the summer positions have been filled, hiring one student as an alternate or sub when others are unable to work. Registration for the programs is going well. To-date we have kids registered in 341 programs. Dance along with several of the swimming lessons time slots are closed due to size limitations. The summer trips registrations are mixed. We've closed Howe Caverns, Water Safari and now The Wild Animal Park. Registration for the MOST and the Farmer's Museum is not what was expected. Other options were discussed to how to make the trip to the Farmer's Museum more appealing.

The consolidation of the parks department with the Youth Bureau was moved to the full council with a vote of 3 to 2.

H Graves brought up the discussion of offering teen programs. He suggested we offer programs in our contracted towns. These would be programs relevant to the time of year being offered, have a knowledgeable person from the community instruct the program, and focused on a smaller group. Suggestions such as gardening, baking and CPR were made. It was also suggested that we somehow reach out to the teens, instead of the parents. That we post a short survey on Facebook asking what kids would want to learn. That we should also reach out to Rogers Conservation Center asking what type of programs they would offer for teens.

New Business

The budget was reviewed with actuals through the end of May. The delta to the budget is due to the ice rink not being open this winter.

YDB A. Testani gave an update on the ice rink. A bid to resurface the rink will be awarded at the next council meeting. Once the resurfacing is done, bids will be solicited for painting the pickleball courts. The work should be done this summer.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50

The next Youth Board meeting will be Wednesday, September 6th at 6:00 PM at City Court.