

City of Norwich Youth Board Meeting February 7th, 2024

Board Members

Present: K. Hazen
J. Colley
J. Hagenbuch

Absent: M. Telesky
J. Eddy
M. Loughren
P. Marks
H. Graves
B. Burton
K. Thompson
Student Rep: A. Telesky
Student Rep: J. Parker

Also: A. Testani

Not enough members were present for a quorum, no action was taken.

Old Business

YBD A. Testani gave a quick update on the Winter programs. Registration did pick up the first couple of weeks of January. We have 225 kids registered in the programs, down thirteen kids from last year's 238. Baseball, cheer, and wrestling are down, while the other programs are all up. Most significantly is bowling with twenty-eight kids registered this year.

The joint working committee session of the council has approved moving forward to the full council our request for billing non-residents of the city and towns we do not contract with.

The rink in East Park seems to be getting a lot of use. We continue to have issues with the rink at Weiler Park. It is still not holding water.

New Business

Our annual President's Day movie will be on February 19th at the Colonia. We will be showing the Bee Movie. Tickets once again will be free.

We started free skate rentals at the Robert Mason Recreation Center. We had only one family take advantage of the free skate rental this past weekend. We will continue to offer as long as the rink is up.

YBD A. Testani has met with Sharon Vesely, executive director of The Place regarding partnering on Storybook Path. A Storybook Path takes an illustrated children's book, taken apart and displays the book page by page along a path. The hope is this gets families outside while engaging in reading the story. The Place has received a small grant to help with the cost. We would like to try this in Weiler Park, then rotate to other parks with different stories.

Adjournment

The meeting ended at roughly 6:25.

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