

# **City of Norwich Youth Board Meeting November 1, 2023**

## **Board Members**

### **Present:**

**M. Loughren  
B. Burton  
J. Eddy  
M. Telesky  
H. Graves  
Student Rep: A. Telesky**

### **Absent:**

**J. Drelich  
S. Stewart  
K. Hazen  
K. Thompson  
J. Hagenbuch  
S. Whaley  
P. Marks  
Student Rep: J. Parker**

**Also: A. Testani**

Not enough members were present to form a quorum, no actions were taken.

## **Old Business**

YBD A. Testani shared with the board that the Parks Commission was okay with designating two of the pickleball courts at Weiler Park for youth play. Signs would be added to the courts stating that they were reserved for kids 18 and under after normal school hours.

The Board agreed that we should recognize Rita's, for their continued support of the Youth Bureau. A banner will be purchased and placed at the ice rink saying thank you Rita's for you continued support with address below.

We discussed supporting the Elks request to provide youth shoes and balls for the bowling program at the Elks club.

## **New Business**

The October YTD budget was presented. All categories are on or below budget.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the Town of Plymouth not entering into a contract with the city for youth activities in 2024. It's the board's concern that if we allow residents of Plymouth to participate in our programs free of charge, the other towns may follow. Then it becomes a burden on the residents of the City of Norwich to fund activities for residents of the towns. The board agreed that anyone that has signed up in 2023 for a program, even if it starts in 2024, will not be charged to participate in the program. In 2024 anyone from the town of Plymouth that signs up for a program will be charged a fee to be determined.

The board also discussed how do we communicate the activities we provide or promote the success we've had in our programs. It was felt we do an excellent job through social and print media but need to get word of mouth out there. A. Testani will post this summer's participation in programs to our Facebook page, reach out to the Evening Sun to see if an article could be included about the programs and contact the town supervisors to see if there are activities we could hold locally, in their towns, to generate more interest in the Youth Bureau.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45

**The next Youth Board meeting will be Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at City Court.**