

City of Norwich Youth Board Meeting May 1, 2024

Board Members

Present:

**K. Hazen
M. Loughren
J. Hagenbuch
H. Graves
B. Burton
J. Brown
J. Eddy
J. Colley**

Absent: M. Telesky

**P. Marks
K. Thompson
Linda Powell-Owens
Student Rep: A. Telesky
Student Rep: J. Parker**

Also: A. Testani

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

A motion to approve the April meeting minutes was made by B. Burton, seconded by J. Hagenbuch, approved by all.

Old Business

YBD A. Testani had a follow-up conversation with C. Albrecht of Fostering Families, explaining that we couldn't provide funds for trips. Ms. Albrecht understood that. It was decided that Fostering Families and the Youth Bureau would work together when buying tickets to take advantage of buying in a larger quantity for cost savings for both groups.

The RC Smith Foundation provided the funding for our educational trips this summer.

New Business

YBD A. Testani reviewed the potential Summer Recreational Programs this summer, see attached. Changes may have to be made to the schedule.

Summer employment was reviewed. The YB needs a Recreation Coordinator, along with 12 program instructors and potentially up to 6 lifeguards. The city is currently advertising for the Rec Coordinator position.

YBD A. Testani also reviewed the schedule for Kurt Beyer Pool. We are hoping to open June 24th with the last date August 25th. We are also looking to extend the hours to 8:00 PM on Friday and Saturday.

YBD A. Testani meet with Sharon Vesely, Executive Director of The Place to discuss a story walk project. A story walk combines physical activity with literacy. It takes a children's book, displayed page by page along a walking path. The Place would like to set up a story walk in one of the City's parks. The Place has received a small grant to start the project but is looking for more funds. The funds would be used to create copies of the books and create the holders for the pages along the paths. B. Burton made a motion that the YB provide \$500 for the project, seconded by K. Hazen. After discussing the location of the walk and future walks, the motion was approved.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by J. Hagenbuch, seconded by M. Loughren. Meeting adjourned at 6:30.

The next Youth Board meeting will be Wednesday, June 12th at 6:00 PM at City Court.