

City of Norwich Youth Board Meeting June 6th, 2012

Present: H. Graves H. Watts T. Strachman
J. Eddy A. Snow C. Sastri
N. Mooney

Also: R. Mason
J. Wysor

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 by H. Graves following summer program registration.

May 2012 Minutes: C. Sastri motioned to accept the May minutes as written seconded by T. Strachman and the motion was passed.

Kurt Beyer Pool Update: R. Mason reported work is continuing at the pool. The facility should be ready to open on or about a normal opening date that corresponds to the last day of school (June 22nd). There has been some minor vandalism that can be repaired and won't delay the opening.

Summer Programs: J. Wysor told the board that all summer positions have been filled, mostly by returning staff. All programs have been scheduled and are ready to go. R. Mason distributed program schedules and program evaluations. Board members are asked to visit a program site or two during the summer and complete an evaluation. Evaluations are required by the NYS Office of Children and Family Services from which the Youth Bureau is in part funded. Evaluations are also a means to review and improve programs.

Skating Facility: The facility and skateboard park will be unattended, skate at your own risk facilities for the summer. The skating rink and building can be opened for groups upon request. Both parks will be resurfaced soon. Additionally the middle school art students will be placing some murals on the dasher boards on Thursday June 14th at 3:00. They will also have a bar-b-q and play music at the rink building. They Mayor and newspaper have been invited to attend. The 8' steel "grind rail" originally purchased with the skate park equipment in 2003 has been stolen. The original cost was \$257 and a replacement will cost \$1,085.

Summer Trips: Trip enrollment was heavy during registration night. The Enchanted Forest trip filled quickly and there is a standby list that could fill another half bus. A second bus and admissions would cost an additional \$1000 - \$1,200. R. Mason will work to see if a second bus would be possible. Additional bus supervision would be required.

Earth Day Celebration: Gary and Merrie Beadle from Beadles Restaurant and Lounge once again ran a very good event and donated \$2,000 to the youth bureau. Earth Day helps support summer trips and other events throughout the year.

Safe Summer Fun Day: Safe Summer Fun Day will be Friday June 15th, 3:30 – 6:30 at Kurt Beyer Pool Park. This is a yearly event sponsored by area agencies serving youth. The Youth Bureau will attend, provide summer activity information and something fun for the kids. Free food, beverages, ice cream and DJ service will enhance the event.

New Business: The members remembered the recent loss of Tom Burton, fellow youth board member and facility attendant at the ice rink. R. Mason said he was of tremendous help those late nights clearing the rink and making ice. R. Mason and J. Wysor will check into planting a commemorative tree or shrub at the rink.

J. Eddy motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by A. Snow.

The Youth Board will recess for the summer months. A special meeting will be called if needed. The next regular meeting of the City of Norwich Youth Board will be Wednesday September 5th, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the City Hall meeting room.