

City of Norwich Youth Board Meeting September 5th, 2012

Members Present:

H. Graves, J. Williams, N. Mooney
Wysor
A. Snow, B. Burton, T. Strachman, K. Callahan

Also Present:

R. Mason, J.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by B. Burton

New Members: New youth members to the board were welcomed, A. Snow, N. Mooney, K. Callahan.

June Minutes: T. Strachman motioned to accept the June 2012 minutes, J. Williams seconded, motion was accepted.

Summer 2012 Recreation Programs: Participation numbers were presented to the Board by J. Wysor. 2012 was another successful year with vibrant programs. There were few problems if any indicating smoothly run activities with outstanding and dependable staff.

B. Burton explained to the new board members what programs were run and that no fees are charged to allow equal access to all. Activities are provided to City of Norwich residents and residents of the towns of Norwich, North Norwich, Plymouth, Preston and Pharsalia by contracts. Residents from other areas are also accepted at a minimal charge.

It was noted that A. Snow, new member to the board had volunteered time at the Perry Browne playground site.

Kurt Beyer Pool: There was a distinct increase of swimmers with a return to Kurt Beyer pool. 11,143 persons attended the facility as compared to just over 3,000 who visited the High School pool last year when K.B.P. was not available. R. Mason stated that the facility was well run by the pool supervisor (Noreen Wessels) and head lifeguard (Zena Viele). There were no serious incidents and the pool staff did excellent work. Results of a pool use survey as requested by City Council were provided to the youth board. There was discussion concerning pool use fees for next summer. This matter will be considered by members of the City Common council.

Summer Trips: Summer trips were sponsored by the R. C. Smith Foundation and Beadle's Earth Day Celebration. There were no tax dollars expended on any of the trips and they were open to all regardless of residency. Trips were taken to the Lackawanna Coal Mine in Scranton, Museum of the Earth and Taughannock Falls State Park near Ithaca, The Enchanted Forest and Kopernik Space Observatory and Science Center near Vestal N.Y.

Skating Facility: R. Mason reported the skate park and ice skating rink have had their macadam surfaces recoated. The dasher boards at the ice rink have been painted and stained by a summer work crew through The Place, at no cost to the City. A Norway Spruce has been planted in remembrance of rink employee, volunteer and youth board member Thomas Burton.

There are two vacancies for winter ice rink attendants. R. Mason is also looking for a volunteer/s to assist with weekend ice maintenance.

New Business: Guernsey Library has again asked the Youth Bureau to participate in their "Annual Children's Bookfest" Saturday October 6th from 10:00am until noon. A fun book related craft idea will be needed. R. Mason will attend and is seeking a volunteer or two to assist.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm. The next regular meeting of the City of Norwich Youth Board will be Wed. Oct. 3rd, 2012 7:00pm.