

YOUTH BUREAU ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

DATE: 8/10/10

The regular monthly meeting of the Youth Bureau Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, August 10th at 4:30 PM at the Youth Bureau in the Conference Room.

Commissioners present: Eberhart, Ryan, San Jule, Schaap, Tobin, Underwood, Wright, Gambitta

Commissioners excused: Steele

Others present: Director McNerney, Assistant Director Scott, Tom Mitchell, OCFS representative

The minutes of the previous meeting, Financial, Director, Assistant Director, Recreation Supervisor, and Youth Services Activity Reports were read and accepted as part of the regular meeting.

On a motion by Commissioner San Jule, seconded by Commissioner Tobin, the minutes were approved.

On a motion by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Eberhart, the Youth Bureau bills totaling \$24,235.95 were audited and authorized for payment.

Other Business:

- A. Reviewed the budget summary. We are in pretty good shape overall. There are two lines that are in the red: Beaches and Pools for repairs to the liner to Wickwire Pool and the Teen Center line for equipment repair (\$500.00 for air conditioner repair).
- B. Reviewed bills for the month of July. John pointed out the bill for a new transmission for Tim Tobin's truck and to Dean Locksmith for new keys for park buildings. The doors and locks are very old.
- C. Cortland ASA bill is for umpires for softball games.
- D. Cortlandville gave over \$14,000 for Wickwire Pool repairs. Repairs that were done this year should last 3 years rather than the one year that was projected initially. The work was done by masons.
- E. There may be an Environmental Protection Agency Grant available through NYS for \$400,000.00 requiring a 1/3 match from the city, according to Ann Hotchkin at Thoma Development. These funds could be utilized for the pool renovations.

- F. John's Report: Allison asked about the summer drama program location. The program was moved to the County Auditorium because of the repairs to the auditorium at Cortland High School.

Allison asked about the mayor's Environmental Committee who have concerns about recycling in the parks. John is meeting with Dennis Gallagher from the DPW to discuss coming up with recycling bins for the parks. John mentioned that the Small Fry fundraiser for the Jets Scrimmage that involved parking cars at Royal Motors for overflow parking ended up parking only 44 cars.

- G. Cecile's Report: Allison asked about the status of the East End Community Center. Cecile explained that, right now, everything is in storage at the Armory and the programs are on hold until the city determines what areas of the Armory can be utilized by the EECC.
- H. Andrea's Report: There have been many phone calls to the Youth Bureau regarding the loss of funding for the Arts in the Park program which was very popular in previous years. People have been directed to call the mayor's office. Not as many calls about the splash pools being closed at Dexter and Beaudry Park.
- I. Matt's Teen Center Report: Transition from Soda Bar to Family Kitchen. Teen Center garden is now producing a high volume of vegetables that can be used in meal production. Matt's hand out listed some of the programs that have taken place in May, June and July. The report also included a chart with residency data for Teen Center numbers. Chad asked how teens access the Teen Center. Is it by bus or other methods? Matt doesn't think many teens utilize the bus system for transportation to the Teen Center, only one teen that he knows of. Many walk or ride a bike to the center.
- J. John passed out summer attendance figures for all Youth Bureau program. The numbers for both Wickwire and Yaman beach are quite high.
- K. John passed out a list of projects that need to be taken care of in the next few years. He asked the board for input with the prioritization. Ang suggested that each board member identify their top 5 from the list and bring the list to the next board meeting for discussion.
- L. There was some discussion of bringing back the annual report, a document would allow the Youth Bureau to identify projects in need of consideration, as was done in the last annual report that was published, the 1999 edition. Many suggested that the same information could be added to the summer or fall brochure.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecile Scott

