

YOUTH BUREAU ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

DATE: 3/8/11

The regular monthly meeting of the Youth Bureau Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, March 8th at 4:30 PM at the Youth Bureau in the conference room.

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

Commissioners excused: San Jule, Steele

Others present: Director McNerney & Assistant Director Scott

The minutes of the previous meeting, Financial, Director, Assistant Director, Recreation Supervisor, and Youth Services Activity Reports were read over. Since we didn't have a quorum until later in the meeting, no motions were made.

The bills totaling \$9,675.81 were looked over.

Other Business:

- A. Reviewed minutes of 1/11/11. Talked about the status of the new Beaudry Park building. John gave plans to Erie Materials for estimate on all materials. We are looking into being our own project manager/contractor. This will bring the cost down substantially.
- B. Reviewed bills. Graphics Plus Printing bill for \$2,752.00 is for our Spring/Summer brochure. Also Music Theatre International in the amount of \$1,355.00 is for the Summer Drama program. Bill for Priority Research for \$44.75 is for background checks for staff.
- C. John's Report: Spelling Bee was excellent this year. There were 60 participants in the written portion and 16 advanced to semi-finals and then 8 went to the finals. The Spelling Bee was sponsored by First Niagara Bank. Barb asked about the status of the Senior Games. Cost is \$170,000 to run the games. Should know the status in the next month or two if they will take place this year. Chrissy asked about the Polar Bear Plunge for United Way; \$29,000 was raised through this endeavor. Working with Cortland Fire Department on a grant for AED equipment for the parks and training for the staff.
- D. Andrea's Report: Chrissy asked about sledding and cross country skiing. Can these be extended past March 6th due to all the snowfall? John will ask about extending those two programs.

- E. Teen Center: The Teen Center has been super busy these past few months. Ang asked if the Teen Center and Youth Bureau will be represented at the Parker Wellness Day on March 17th. Cecile will pass this info on to the Teen Center staff and Andrea.
- F. John talked about the cabana project at Yaman Park. He submitted an application to the Cortland Community Foundation, \$5,800 for materials. John approached the Leadership Cortland group to see if any of the teams might be interested in helping with the cabana project. One team agreed to take the cabanas as their Leadership Cortland project. They named the project "11 Cabanas in Twenty11." The team contacted local roofing companies to see if they would donate labor to the project. Many companies agreed to donate their time. Saturday, April 16th is the day that the work will be done. Erie Materials is giving a special rate on the materials.
- G. John handed out information about the proposed state budget on Youth Bureaus and the entire Youth Bureau System. We currently receive approximately \$57,000 from NYS based on youth population under 21. Two years ago we fought the same concept (block grant concept) under Governor Patterson. We were able to defeat it at that point in time; but this is a more dire year financially for kNew York State.
- H. John mentioned that the East End Farmer's Market is moving to Homer Village On The Green this Summer. We are disappointed that they will no longer be using Dexter Park for the Market.