

## YOUTH BUREAU ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

DATE: 5/10/11

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

Commissioners present: Eberhart, San Jule, Schaap, Steele, Tobin, Underwood, VanGorder, Wright, Lieber Pudney

Commissioners excused: Ryan

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 and accepted as part of the regular meeting.

On a motion by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Underwood, the minutes were approved.

On a motion by Commissioner Eberhart, seconded by Wright, the Youth Bureau bills totaling \$20,280.32 were audited and authorized for payment.

Other Business:

- A. Reviewed previous month's minutes. John talked about Jim Yaman approaching Congressman Hanna about the need for a new pool. Jim has a lunch date with Hanna on May 19<sup>th</sup>. John handed out a Crown City Little League Opening Day program. The league has come a long way in the past 4 years. Excellent program, high quality coaches. The league is in very good shape financially.
- B. One of the Leadership Cortland teams chose the Yaman cabanas as their leadership project. Twenty crew members from 7 companies donated their time to re-roof with the funds raised by the same Leadership Cortland team. They look great! Beaudry Pavilion will be re-roofed with the funds raised by the same Leadership Cortland team.
- C. Reviewed Activity Reports.
- D. At this time, it looks like the Youth Bureau will sustain a \$9,000 cut from the state OCFS. In 1990, the funding was \$75,000. This year it will be \$25,000. John will talk with staff to decide where cuts will be made.
- E. We received more lifeguard applications than ever this year. Sixteen lifeguards were hired and 2-3 subs will be hired as well.

F. Initial report on Wickwire Pool is good. The repairs from last year have held. However, some shell repairs are being made. Bob asked about the Senior Games. New York State has pulled out of hosting the Senior Games this year due to budget cuts. The Regional Sports Council has picked the event and the games will go on. May be some additional costs to participants to make up for the shortfall. Direct people to call the Sports Council at 756-1864 with any questions.

G. Tom asked about the graffiti at Suggett Park. John said that it is all over the city, all the way to Homer. John said the police have some leads but no arrests made yet.

H. Spring Sports Participation Numbers:

*Crown City Little League	20 teams	260 total
*Lacrosse	7 teams	175 total
*Girls Softball Under 8	3 teams	
Under 10	5 teams	
Under 12	8 teams	
*Pitch, Hit & Run		25 total
*Adult Softball		
Church	15 teams	
Fast Pitch	5 teams	
Co-ed	7 teams	
Mens Slow Pitch	18 teams	
Womens Slow Pitch	18 teams	
Sr. Mens	2 teams	
Teener League Baseball	2 teams	
Babe Ruth Baseball	2 teams	

We had to cancel the Easter Egg Hunt twice do to weather. Had the Canoe Classic at Yaman and Paint the Town Purple at Court House Park. Both events were re-scheduled due to bad weather.

I. There was quite an impact from Mother Nature on Youth Bureau activities. Jeff Johnson from Cortland High School has had 120 cancellations/changes so far this season. The high school teams are bumping the adult softball games. Cortland Lacrosse team is using Testa Park because the high school fields have been so wet. We do have some volunteer groups from AmeriCorps and the college that will clean up the parks in the next few weeks. Mary asked about the fields at Suggett. John said they will be getting those two fields ready for the girls Cathy Stage games.

- J. Mary asked about the caterpillars at Dexter and the bees at Beaudry Park. Is there anything that can be done? There was a 2 week period of time last year that it was especially bad. We have had someone come in from NYS Department of Forestry and Mike Dexter to discuss the problem. It appears to be a cycle in nature, and not much can be done about it.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecile Scott