

YOUTH BUREAU ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

DATE: 8/9/11

The regular monthly meeting of the Youth Bureau Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, August 9th at 4:30 PM at the Youth Bureau Conference Room.

Commissioners present: Steele, Underwood, Wright

Commissioners excused: San Jule, Tobin, Eberhart

Others present: Director McNerney, Assistant Director Scott, Morgan Pudney.

The minutes of the previous meeting, Financial, Director, Assistant Director, Recreation Supervisor and Youth Services Activity Reports were read over. Since there wasn't a quorum, no motions were made.

Bills in the amount of \$9,364.10 were looked over for payment.

Other Business:

- A. Reviewed minutes of June 14th. John met again with Forrest Earl concerning the repairs to the Rotary Shelter on September 12th – 17th. The Noon Time Rotarians will be working on giving the Rotary Shelter a face lift. Cortland Rotary raised \$2,000 and the National Rotary Club gave \$1,000. John reviewed financial statement for the current budget. We are still in good shape, none of the lines are close to being in the red.
- B. Reviewed bills for the month. Fuel was high, \$1,700. It was purchased from the county. Johnson Paper is for parks and pools which goes higher in summer with all the buildings in use.
- C. John's Report: John talked about the City School District being on a contingency budget. The school found a ruling from the 70's that exempts the city from having to pay for use of school property. The City Fire Department conducted its annual inspections of all park buildings and playgrounds. Softball season is going well, not many cancellations this year.
- D. Ces's Report: Talked about Ronnie Dio concert which had a good turn out of 800 people. Raised \$16,000. The \$16,000 will be equally split between the Stand Up and Shout Cancer Foundation and the Music Scholarship at the Cortland High School.

- E. Andrea's Report: Skate Park has been going well. More bikers this year than skateboarders. Tom asked about the Wade Pools, they look in bad shape, chunks are falling off and the paint doesn't stay on. Need to be either totally renovated or filled in/closed. Numbers at Suggett Park are good, 800+, while at Beaudry Park about 150.
- F. Teen Center Report: Morgan reports that the Teen Center has been a little slow this summer, but lots of kids are going on the Fantastic Friday Trips and Special Events.
- G. John's presentation on the Wickwire Pool Renovation Project. Handed out the packet of information to each board member (see attached). The Youth Bureau had received \$100,000 previously for a new filtration system. We are now applying for \$400,000 grant from the NYS Environmental Protection Fund through the Parks and Recreation Department. John got approval from the Council to pursue the grant. The grant is due September 1st. Bonding money would be due in 2013. Bonding for the project is over 25 years so the cost per year is only \$12,000. The 1st application is strong: Can show a big energy savings; population served is poor; accessibility features will be increased. In September John will form a committee. So far he has Dan McNeil and Ann Hotchkin. Mary Wright offered to serve on the committee as well.
- H. The Youth Bureau reviewed the policy of free swimming. Maybe out of towners should pay a yearly pass to swim at Wickwire and Yaman.
- I. Reviewed participation report for summer of 2011 (see hand out). John handed out the official City of Cortland Tobacco Policy. The PR included Channel 2, City Web site, Cortland Standard articles. 15 signs will be posted around the city at Youth Bureau facilities.
- J. John asked board members to think of people who would be interested in serving on the board. Must be city residents. Mary offered to talk to Martha Hubbard about recent graduates of Cortland Leadership.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecile Scott