

Youth Bureau Advisory Board Minutes

Date: 9/13/11

The regular monthly meeting of the Youth Bureau Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, September 13th at 4:30 PM at the Youth Bureau in the Conference Room.

Commissioners present: Eberhart, Gambitta, San Jule, Schaap, Steele, Tobin

Commissioners excused: Underwood, VanGorder

Others present: Director McNerney and Assistant Director Scott

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

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

On a motion by Commissioner Tobin, seconded by Commissioner Eberhart, the Youth Bureau bills totaling \$15,510.55 were audited and authorized for payment.

Other Business:

- A. Reviewed minutes of previous meeting. Tom asked about the Rotary Shelter repairs which the Rotarians were supposed to start September 12th, but have been pushed back due to weather and other commitments.
- B. The deadline for EPA grant has been pushed back from September 1st to November 1st. An Economic Development Group designated by the Governor will be reviewing the grants.
- C. Bob asked about the idea of charging out of towners for swimming at Wickwire and Yaman. This is one of the options still on the table. City residents would be issued a season's pass by the Youth Bureau. Those without a pass would pay admission fee.
- D. Reviewed the financial statement under "beaches and pools." We are in the red by \$200.00 for lifeguards. The reason is that Council Member Dan Quail asked that the line be reduced by \$4,500.00. There were not many days that the pool was closed so to come that close is pretty good. Looked at the month's bills. John pointed out the bill for the fall/winter brochures was \$2,954.00. This is a slight increase from the previous year.
- E. Ang mentioned the graffiti that is all over town "ESE" tagging. Her girl scout group would be willing to paint over the graffiti in the park. John will be in touch with Ang about this possibility. He also has a SUNY Cortland fraternity that has offered to help.

- F. John's Report: Consulted with John Reagan about what to request from Cortlandville. The request went from \$77,000 to \$90,000 for the 2012 budget. 190 boys are signed up for football compared to 210 last year. Bob asked about the upgrades to the Testa Park dugouts. The coaches would like to block off one entrance into the dugout to limit access to the dugout, this will mean adding fencing. Tom asked about the conflict with the Relay for Life and Upstate Lacrosse Association events in 2012. The Relay might change their date. They are also looking at moving the location to Homer Green or someplace else. Too hard to move ULA Lacrosse from the current college location. The college is helping to resolve the problem.
- G. Cecile's Report: Tom asked about the idea of moving the East End Center. Mayor Feiszli had presented an idea to move the community center to West Court Street facility or one on Grant Street, but the county, who owns both properties, is not interested in this idea at this time.
- H. Andrea's Report: Had sign ups for cheerleading the same time as football sign ups. Some schools can still take a few more girls. Also did sign ups for soccer program for 1st and 2nd grade and 3rd – 6th grade.
- I. Teen Center Report: John put money in the 2012 budget for a new rug for the Teen Center. Allison mentioned that we may want to contact Lowe's about some of the projects that need doing such as the new carpet and painting the outside of the building. Lowe's will be opening a Cortland store in the near future.
- J. John handed out copies of the fall/winter brochure for the board's review.
- K. John talked about the Wickwire Pool project. Even if we receive the EPA Grant, there is a \$260,000 shortfall. The city has agreed to bond for the \$260,000, but have asked the Youth Bureau to fundraise as much as possible. John is interested in forming a committee to oversee the fundraising campaign. He has several people that have been identified as possible candidates for the committee. They will work to identify the deep pockets, both individuals and businesses, as well as community approaches such as change receptacles in local businesses. John hopes to be meeting with the committee some time in October.
- L. John handed out a memo from Manny Lann concerning the possible elimination of the County Youth Bureau and the repercussions to the community. Chrissy said that Amy Simrell, the YWCA Director is in the process of contacting county legislators with concerns about the elimination of the County Youth Bureau and the potential loss of funding for programs such as Bridges for Kids. She will forward John this email from Amy Simrell.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Cecile Scott