

YOUTH BUREAU ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

DATE: 10/11/11

The regular monthly meeting of the Youth Bureau Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, October 11th at 4:30 PM at the Youth Bureau in the Conference Room.

Commissioners present: San Jule, VanGorder, Wright

Commissioners excused: Steele, Underwood, Gambitta

Others present: Director McNerney, Assistant Director Scott, Lum Cooper, Aaron Baier, Morgan Pudney

The minutes of the previous meeting, Financial, Director, Assistant Director, Recreation Supervisor, and Youth Services Activity Reports were read over. There wasn't a quorum.

The bills totaling \$11,809.80 were looked over.

Other Business:

- A. John reviewed the September financial statement. As of September, we are in the black for all lines except the Beaches and Pools Lifeguard line which is in the red by \$252.48. All other lines are doing well.
- B. John reviewed the bills for the month. Pointed out the Erie Materials bill for \$2,164.69 for roofing materials. Meldrim paints for \$429.90 is for paint for lining the football and soccer fields. Cayuga Press bill for \$850.00 is for soccer and cheerleading uniforms.
- C. John reviewed the minutes from the September meeting. Bob asked about the Relay for Life and the ULA group conflict with the date for 2012. The Relay group is looking to possibly changing their date.
- D. John spoke with Manny Lann today to find out about the status of the County Youth Bureau. The county fiscal officer, Martin Murphy is proposing elimination of the County Youth Bureau. The county budget is due out October 20th. The impact on the City Youth Bureau is still unknown. There is discussion of the County Health Department taking over the functions of the County Youth Bureau which would mean there would be little or no impact to the city.
- E. John's Report: John asked board members to drive by Yaman Park to see the new entrance to the park. The hedgerow has been removed and new burning bushes have been planted. Jim Yaman donated the funds to spruce up the entrance and refurbish the plaque dedicating the park to his parents. Bob asked about the graffiti at Suggett Park. Ang caught some kids painting ESE gang graffiti all over signs and benches and

playground equipment. Ang offered to have her girl scout troop work on removing the graffiti. Morgan has been helping Officer Reingoudt to track down the perpetrators. Now there is a second group of teens from the west end doing the same thing as the ones from the east side.

- F. Bob asked about the new Finance Director, Mack Cook. John has been extremely impressed with him. Mack has been visiting the parks and Youth Bureau programs. He has attended 2 Small Fry Football games and has expressed a lot of support and praise for the programs and facilities overseen by our department. Bob asked about the meeting John held with non-union staff at the Youth Bureau. The Council has decided to keep the 1973 resolution in place which states that non-union staff should follow the contract from their department as far as raises and other compensations.
- G. Andrea's Report: Programs are going well. Soccer has a total of 10 teams. There are 99 girls signed up for cheerleading. The first play group for Fun for Tots had 28 kids.
- H. Teen Center Report: Morgan states that things are busy for the Teen Center with lots of trips and activities planned.
- I. John reports that there is good news about the Americorps program. Funding will be extended for one more year which will allow the Teen Center to hire a full or part time worker.
- J. John introduced Lum Cooper who was in attendance to talk about the Greg Partigianoni Fund. Members of the committee that oversees the fund include: Lum Cooper, Butch Manici, Dick Meldrim, Mick Lowie. In 1990 Greg, a beloved baseball player and coach, passed away from cancer. In 1992 the Greg Partigianoni Scholarship was established. There is currently \$35,000 in the scholarship fund. With the donation of this money, Lum and the committee would like to have a memorial at Beaudry Park and re-name the field "Greg's Field." Perhaps a flower garden could be put in with the memorial; anytime the city and the private sector can come together to make things happen in this community. The field has always been referred to as Beaudry Combo Field, but Lum found out that it may actually be named Reilly Field after Ray Reilly who was the City Engineer and Superintendent of Public Works for 24 years. He remembers a sign at the entrance to Beaudry Park which said "Reilly Field," but he is unsure which field the designation applies to. Mary Wright offered to contact the Historical Society to research the matter further. John told Lum that naming the field after Greg would take council action, but first more research is needed.
- K. John passed out a 2 page summary of the City Budget for 2012. On September 8th the Youth Bureau budget was submitted by John. It was reviewed by John, John Reagan and Mack Cook. John has asked that a maintenance person be re-instated. So far, that position is still in the budget. The budget has gone through the preliminary stages with Mack Cook and the Mayor's draft.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM