

NORTHVILLE YOUTH ASSISTANCE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting

April 9th, 2019

Present Director Amy Prevo, Michele Fecht, Mindy Herrmann, Ann Goolsby, Nadine Harris, Amy Knoth, Suzanne Lynn, Chuck Murdock, Marilyn Price

Absent Libby Smith

Guests Kerri Ann Sondreal, NYA Staff ,

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 by Chair Chuck Murdock

Approval of Minutes

The amended minutes from the January 15, 2019 were approved, as were the minutes from the February 15, 2019 meeting.

Program Report

Director Prevo is working on rebranding efforts to further broadcast the Northville Youth Network (formerly known as Northville Youth Assistance) to include generic marketing materials, business cards, etc. Stephanie Caldwell the Communications Director for the Township is providing support. Director Prevo also met with personnel from The Ville and The Northville Record publications to further spread the word about the new name and the Northville Youth Network Open House coming on Wednesday, May 8th.

Director Prevo met with police chiefs from both member municipalities to discuss the vaping problem and was informed that the Township is working on an ordinance to help address the issue, specifically the prevention of vaping in a public place.

Registration for Camps Hillside and Meads Mill opened on April 8th and response in the early stages is very good. Director Prevo met with camp leaders from both schools. Capacity for each camp is 60 students which is a needed increase from last year. Camp Meads Mill has 2 former students now college students who are assisting voluntarily and this year at both camps there is online registration.

Director Prevo met with new Director at the Northville Public Library to discuss potential partnerships, such as "Study Breaks" as stress-reducing events hosted by the library and coinciding with exam periods within the school district.

Financial Report

Director Prevo has been working with the Finance Department at the Township to gain a better understanding of budgeting reports as well as our fund balance. She presented the (unofficial – pending audit review) 2018 year end reports to the Commission.

Northville Township – Mindy Herrmann gave a synopsis of the management problems associated with the landfill and how those problems could affect more of the Northville Community in the future. She informed the Commission of the Town Hall Meeting concerning the issue to occur on Tuesday, April 16th.

City of Northville – City Council representative Marilyn Price reported that budget deliberations for the City of Northville begin on April 22nd.

Northville Public Schools – Nadine Harris spoke of her interest in investigating whether the NYN could potentially offer stress-reduction event(s) for students.

Old Business

The rebranding initiative for the Northville Youth Network is in full-swing and the Commission as a whole and led by Director Prevo is excited about the opportunities in the future.

The letters prepared by Ann Goolsby and Mindy Herrmann to solicit student volunteers for the Steering Committee of the Northville Youth Bridge Club (NYBC) are complete and ready to be sent. Goal for the Steering Committee is 10 students from each grade (8th-10th), and that they will be identified and ready to go by the beginning of the fall semester.

New Business

May 8th is the date for the community-wide Open House to introduce the re-brand. Director Prevo will follow up and let Commissioners know what helps she needs. Open House to be held in the lobby outside of the gym of the Northville Community Center

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10.

The next regularly scheduled Commission meeting is Tuesday, May 14th at 8 a.m. at the Northville Community Center.