



CITY OF DUNKIRK YOUTH & RECREATION BOARD

Date: January 21, 2015

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Mayor's Conference Room

Present: Tim Gornikiwicz, Marty Bamonto, Ron McWilson, Cindy Gotowka, Ryan Corbett, Doug Lockett, Joe Gould, Nicole Joiner, Christian Michalski. Also, present was Councilmen Mike Michalski, Nicole Joiner, Steve Neratko, Sixto Rosario.

Absent: John Sliwa, EJ Hayes

Called to Order: 6:04 PM

Approval of minutes:

- Motion: Marty Bamonto made a motion to approve minutes from December 3, 2014; second by Ryan Corbett
- Vote: Motion carried
- Resolved: Approved without modification

New Business:

Director of Development, Steve Neratko, spoke about plans for the Wright Park Grant which is \$440,000 to improve features that the city has to offer. He mentioned that he is working out the particulars but he wants to improve the grand entrance to the beach, make the beach handicap accessible, build an outdoor ice/roller rink and erect a play ground that will be "the best we have to offer". Steve also mentioned his idea to obtain a private partnership(s) with business owners that would be willing to open a Splash Pad and a Bike rental shop which the grant money could be utilized for.

Members of the Board briefly spoke about further ideas if there was to be any additional funding. The possibility of fixing the basketball court and making improvements to the softball field was mentioned.

Sixto Rosario, the head of the Salvation Army's recreational community center, talked about starting the process of building a youth city basketball league that would keep kids off of the street. He expressed his dream to impact teen lives.

The board discussed plans to move forward with the creation of a city youth basketball league. Cindy Gatowka pointed out the idea to bring in teams from surrounding communities for a possible "summer league", which would bring in additional funding. There was also talk of starting an elementary league come next fall. Possible fees were discussed for out of town teams that come to the city to play in the games.

Tim brought up ideas for the County Youth Bureau funding. He noted that the money will be put towards Camp Gross, the Recreation Center and perhaps will help pay for field usage fees for midget league.

Cindy Gotowka made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 PM. Second by Doug Lockett. Adjourned