

# CITY OF DUNKIRK YOUTH & RECREATION BOARD

## MINUTES

*City of Dunkirk Youth Bureau*

*Wednesday, November 5*

*6:00 PM, Mayor's Conference Room*

*City Hall*

**Present:** Tim Gornikiewicz, Marty Bamonto, Ron McWillson, Joe Gould, John Sliwa, Doug Lockett. Also present were Willie Rosas; Councilman-at-large.

**Absent:** Abby Yerico, Peter Rodriguez, Ryan Corbett, Jonelle Anderson, Chris Michalski, EJ Hayes

Meeting was called to order at 6:25pm by Tim Gornikiewicz.

Previous meeting minutes were approved. Motion made by Marty Bamonto; seconded by John Sliwa.

Tim Gornikiewicz gave an update on summer events. He said Camp went very well and that the City made the most money they ever made off camp. He said Softball season went well with 3 big tournaments being held in Dunkirk. He also said Flag Football season is underway and is going well.

### **New Business:**

The Board discussed playing fields for various activities. Midget League Football will need a new home next year. Fourth Street Field and Holy Trinity Field were discussed. Holy Trinity seemed to be the best fit; it was the largest field, and could hold practice fields for all three midget leagues. Tim Gornikiewicz said that soccer would also need a field. The Fourth Street field was good for the younger kids, but isn't large enough for the regulation size field. Tim Gornikiewicz said he would call Father Joe from Holy Trinity and see if Holy Trinity field would be available.

Tim Gornikiewicz mentioned that the City has Bill Cease Funds that can be used to help these types of youth organizations out. John Sliwa mentioned fixing Promenschenkle Stadium. Everyone agreed, but funding is an issue. Bill Cease Funds wouldn't be able to be used on the Stadium. Looking at other grant funding would be the other option.

The Board also discussed the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant. John Sliwa said the Schools did not receive funding this year. There is a chance of next year, but it is uncertain.

The Board discussed events for the Youth. Events at the Recreation Center, as well as, outside the Recreation Center such as taking kids sledding or hiking were discussed. John Sliwa said it would be great to get kids to do *something* that they normally wouldn't do. Other ideas mentioned were an activity night and a pool party.

Councilman-at-large Willie Rosas said the kids need activities after school. Tim Gornikiewicz said the Boys & Girls Club does after school activities, but transportation was problem. Willie Rosas said that we should be talking to the schools, and "going to the kids" so that transportation wouldn't be an issue. Willie Rosas said he would talk to Superintendent Cernie about what can be done. John Sliwa said if the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant was still available, this would be much easier. The Board all agreed that more events need to be done. Tim Gornikiewicz stated that he would like to see more not "athletic" events being done because not all kids play sports.

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Tim Gornikiewicz said at the next meeting, he would like the Board to go over prices for Recreation programs. He said they are very old, and don't necessarily need to increase or decrease; but just need to be adjusted. Marty Bamonto asked if he could have the old prices and new proposed prices to compare.

Doug Lockett made motion to adjourn at 7:40. Joe Gould seconded that motion. Adjourned.