

CITY OF DUNKIRK YOUTH & RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

City of Dunkirk Youth Bureau

Thursday, March 13

5:30 PM, Mayor's Conference Room

City Hall

Present: Tim Gornikiewicz, Marty Bamonto, Peter Rodriguez, Joe Gould, EJ Hayes, Ryan Corbett, Doug Lockett, Jonelle Anderson, Chris Michalski. Also present were Mike Michalski; First Ward Councilman, and Andy Gonzalez; Third Ward Councilman.

Absent: Ron McWillson, John Sliwa, Abby Yerico

Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by Tim Gornikiewicz.

There were no previous meeting minutes.

Tim Gornikiewicz introduced himself, and asked the rest of the Board to introduce themselves. Tim Gornikiewicz explained that the Board had not met in a few years, and that per County Youth Bureau rules, the City needs to have a Board that meetings at a minimum of four times per year. Tim Gornikiewicz also said he is looking forward to getting some new and fresh ideas for the Youth in the area.

New Business:

Tim Gornikiewicz explained that officers need to be appointed. Per the Mayor and by-laws, Tim Gornikiewicz would become the Chair of the Board. Marty Bamonto was nominated for Vice Chair, Jonelle Anderson for Secretary, and Mark Woods for Treasurer. Joe Gould made motion to accept appointment of officers. EJ Hayes seconded that motion. Carried.

Tim Gornikiewicz said that in the past, there were two boards, Youth, and Recreation. His idea was to combine the two together to become the Youth and Rec Board. Marty Bamonto made motion to change Board name to Youth & Recreation Board. Joe Gould seconded that motion. Carried.

The Board that continued to discuss what they felt their roles would be and what they would like to see happen. The Board agreed that adult recreation was doing well, but more needed to be done for the Youth. Flag Football and basketball was brought up as ideas. Jonelle Anderson mentioned that not all girls participate in sports, and that some not athletic activities such as dance should be considered. The Board all agreed on this. Tim Gornikiewicz said his idea of the Board would be to be not just "City of Dunkirk" as a government board, but as a board for all Youth and Recreation. This would be to not administer, but to help out Little League and Midget League, and even get on the same page as Fredonia so activities are not being duplicated. Ryan Corbett recommended we bring in these other groups to see what we can do to help, and for everyone to get on the same page. Tim Gornikiewicz said he can work on this for next meeting in April.

Doug Lockett made motion to adjourn at 7:45. Ryan Corbett seconded that motion. Adjourned.