

March Youth Commission Meeting Minutes – March 18, 2021

Attendance: Chris Streno - Youth Director, David Birtch Steve Hughes, Nicole Kariam, Fred Lawrence, Mark Leighton, Josh Spisak, Jerry Warner and Kyle Wilson

Call to order 6:00pm

I. Old Business

- Minutes from the March meeting were recognized
- No update on the TOB getting permission from the SV district to use their inside facilities - will most likely not occur until next school year
- Chris Streno will confirm with the District that softball and baseball will have access to Brookside's fields
- The Town of Conklin will be using the football field at SV High School for skills assessment on Sunday, March 21st
- Depending on the weather and field conditions at Jackson Park, the TOB may look into doing something similar after registration is completed on March 31st.
- As expected, current conditions at Jackson Park is wet and there was minor 4-wheeler damage in some areas of the park
- The Youth Commission will continue to examine official guidelines and policies of various regional and national youth commissions in order to fully update ours to meet the needs of our Youth programs
- All Youth Commission members have completed the required annual Harassment Training

II. New Business

A. Baseball/Softball

- Registrations for all levels were distributed to members to get a general idea of potential number of teams and coaches for each level
- Two weeks still remain until registration closes
- Early forecast for number of teams per level include; two Majors Baseball, one Majors Softball, two Minors Baseball, one Minors Softball, one Coach-Pitch Baseball, one Coach-Pitch Softball and three T-Ball teams
- Above numbers subject to change
- Information pertaining to Baseball/Softball registration will be posted in the Town's news letter and in the Country Courier with the hopes of increasing the number of registrations
- Possible skills evaluations would be the week of April 12th

B. Booster Club

- Optimistic that Booster Club membership/involvement will be larger than the last couple of years based upon more people indicating they would be willing to help via Baseball/Softball registrations
- Jessica Clement would offer assistance with the transition of duties, structure and policies of the Booster Club to the new group potentially taking over
- It was discussed that the Youth Commission to possibly reach out to some of those individuals that volunteered to participate in the Booster Club for the first time and invited them to the next Youth Commission meeting as we prepare for the upcoming season

- The Town still needs to research what the protocols are for having a concession stand at Jackson Park during games

C. Miscellaneous

- During the most recent Town Board Meeting, Town Board Liaison Mark Leighton proposed the building of a Rec Center at the site of the Pierce Creek Community Center and Veteran's Park due to criticisms of the lack of use of the current center and the large need for court access by multiple programs with the SV district
- Some ideas discussed by the Youth Commission in relation to Mr. Leighton's proposal were; the creation of an ad hoc committee made up of various people in the community, the need for the Rec Center to be self-sustained and a revenue builder when it comes to costs after it was built, the potential of finding matching funds for construction via community grants and to ensure the public understands that it would be a true community recreation center - not just a building for youth sports

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 - Next meeting scheduled for April 15th @ 6:00