

February Youth Commission Meeting Minutes – February 17th, 2022

Attendance: Chris Streno - Youth Director, Dave Birtch, Steve Hughes, Mark Leighton, Jerry Warner

Call to order 5:40pm

I. Old Business

- Due to the high cost of full replacement lights at Jackson Park, the Town will look into improving the current quality of the lights and ways to fill in the multiple holes in the light poles in order to preserve them as long as possible and keep costs down
- The need for scoreboard improvement at Jackson Park has been recognized by the Town
- Early estimates are higher than we would like, however the Town will explore ways to get costs down and as well as looking into different estimates/products
- Basketball for both boys and girls went well, even with the need to reschedule numerous games
- Both the boys and girls played Conklin multiple times
- K-2 Skills & Drills will conclude on March 8th
- All pictures were completed and went smoothly, Jeff Miller will be in touch with Steve Hughes and Jerry Warner for delivery of the pictures to the respective leagues

II. New Business

A. Baseball/Softball

- Baseball/Softball registrations are ready to be distributed
- Windsor reached out and would like to play with our Tri-Town league for softball
- Windsor is expecting to bring one 12U team, one 10U team and two coach pitch level teams to the league
- Open gyms for baseball and softball will start in mid-March
- Jerry Warner and others met with Conklin on February 5th to discuss the possibility of joining the Williamsport Little League affiliation
- Still some concerns over exclusion of those 6th graders in the Town that will age out under Williamsport rules
- Belief by some members is that since we are a Town organization, there should not be restrictions in place that would limit access to Town sports and that the major change would not be beneficial to a majority of the stakeholders, but rather only those selected for All-Stars who in turn would be able to play in the District playoffs with the chance to play outside of the area if they advance
- There was a discussion concerning various ways we could have a hybrid set-up to satisfy all sides, unfortunately one of the big issues was getting enough games in for the Williamsport group and access to enough pitchers to play games in multiple leagues
- It was agreed by all sides that there are benefits to the switch, the question remains though are the benefits of the change worth some of the costs
- Further meetings will take place in the coming weeks between Chris Streno, Jerry Warner and Conklin leadership since a decision needs to be made soon

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 - Next meeting scheduled for March 17th @ 5:30pm