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## COMMITTEE ON YOUTH MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 23, 2021

- Call to Order: A meeting of the Hanover Township Committee on Youth was called to order at 6:32 pm by Jennifer Delao on August 23, 2021 at 250 South Route 59, Bartlett, IL.
  - a. Members Present: Bill Henderson, Rob Wojtowicz,, Corey Elton, Ariel Correa, Jennifer Delao, Jordan Wildermuth
  - b. Members not present:
  - c. Staff and Township representatives present: Alisa "Lee" Beattie, Trustee, and Tina Houdek, Director
  - d. Staff and Township representatives absent: none
  - e. Guests present: No public present
- Pledge of Allegiance and Per Governor Pritzker Emergency Act Announcement; Admonition pursuant to Public Act 100-0640. All COY members that were attending the meeting remotely confirmed that "yes" they could hear the meeting and members present.
- 3. Election of New Committee Chair
- Public Comments: Bill Henderson mentioned the 5k run on October 2nd 2021 for the Knight of Columbus. All proceeds go to the Hanover Township Food Pantry. No other public comments.
- 5. Reports
  - a. Trustee Liaison Report Trustee Lee Beatie: Denise Camacho is now a trustee and her focus will be on mental health. We are working in conjunction with the Police Department and similar to our teen events, soccer and volleyball showcase, and other fun events. These are great opportunities for the community to meet the various township departments and schools. These events will be taking place on Fridays starting June 25th and then the following month events will be July 23rd and then July 30th all from 1-3pm. Friday June 24th and 25th is the annual Garage sale for the Youth and Family Services. Contact Tina or Ryan for dropping off materials for the garage sale.

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b. Director Report - Youth and Family Services Department Report: Director Tina Houdek shared May updates:

Director Houdek shared makming the satellite site youth center at Izaak Walton. The idea is to provide a safe place for teens and staff has already started to move their offices there. (Free drop-in center ideas have been discussed but not yet finalized)

Projects and construction will be taking shape. Corn hole games and other activities will be permanently included as part of the Izaak Walton Youth Center. It appears that at this moment in time Open House will not likely continue this fall. More information to follow.

YFS in partnership with the Streamwood Park District conducted four Teen Nights throughout the month of July with a total of 35 participants.

The YFS Youth Leaders conducted a food and school supply drive on July 8 for the Department of Human Services.

YFS staff, in partnership with the Streamwood Park District and the Schaumburg School of Rock hosted a Concert in the Park on July 16 with 50 participants.

Director Houdek met with Administrator Barr, Directors Conway and Kuttenberg and

Associate Director Crabtree from Township Officials of Illinois on July 19.

Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist Konzal and Prevention Specialist Trujillo and eight youth leaders attended the Cebrin Goodman Teen Institute at Eastern Illinois University from July 20—July 22, 2021.

Directors Houdek, Kuttenberg and Hanson, along with Manager Dickinson met with the Izaak Walton League, the Boys and Girl Scouts of America, the Gamer's Club and the Young Marines on July 22 to discuss the transition of the Izaak Walton Center in becoming a Youth Center.

Director Houdek and Manager Dickinson participated in the Fridays in the Park series on July 23 with 50 participants attending.

YFS conducted the Movie Night on July 23 which showed the movie "The Goofy Movie". We had 44 participants.

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YFS conducted two fundraisers in July. On July 27 we conducted a fundraiser with Portillo where a portion of the sales for that day went to YFS. Additionally, Alternative to Suspension students conducted a Donut and Candy sale at the Township. A total of \$285 was raised.

Manager Gonzalez and Coordinators Miguel and Litz participated in the Fridays in the Park on July 30 with 51 participants.

Two individuals participated in July's free drop-in Depression Screenings.

Forty-six unduplicated youth participated in the Soccer League in the month of July.

Please see July 2021 and August 2021 highlights for more information.

## 6. Unfinished Business

- a. Volunteer Schedule
  - Please see Tina Houdek if interested in continued volunteering at programs

## 7. New Business:

- a. Approval of May 24, 2021 Minutes: Motion was made by Rob Wojtowicz and seconded by Bill Henderson all in favor.
- b. Committee Goals
  - COY to be in charge of 4-5 specific events that the township hosts - Celebration of Leadership (late Spring), New Leaders Reception (October), Movie Nights and Friday Night Activities, Cookies and Cocoa with Santa (Friday, December 3rd 5-8pm), Easter celebration.
  - ii. Potential Future fests could be in line post Fall 2022 construction projects at the Izaak Walton Youth Center
- c. New Leaders in Education Reception
  - i. not sure yet if an in-person reception will take place based on the Delta Covid variant. COY discussed several ideas that Tina will share and then get back to us about the best ways to move forward. Team shared having the reception outside in open air and under a tent, weather permitting. In lieu of cancellation due to weather or pandemic, then a virtual representation and a formal presentation with Youth and Family Services along with COY.



- d. Izaak Walton Center see Director's notes and August 2021 highlights.
- e. Fridays in the Park Review These were great events. COY discussed doing it on Friday's next year with a 4-7pm or 5-8pm schedule on back to back Fridays.
- 8. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Corey Elton at 8:07 PM and seconded by Dr. Ariel Correa all in favor.
- 9. Next Meeting Date: September 27, 2021--Downey Hall

Respectfully Submitted by,

Dr. Ariel A. Correa