

YOUTH COMMISSION

CJH MUNICIPAL CENTER

PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITY ROOM

1 SCHOOL STREET

JANUARY 19, 2010

6:45 PM

MINUTES

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**TOWN OF BETHEL
TOWN CLERK**

PRESENT:

Chairman, Richard Merritt, Members: Lisa Bergh, Bob Korin, and Jane Kraver. Jacquie Mancher, ex-officio teen member. Also present were new members Kate Shea and Devin Pedone, along with Director, Hilda DeLucia, and Claudia Fortunato, Assistant Director of Pro-Access Teen Center.

Chairman Rich Merritt called the meeting to order at 6:45PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kristen Nauheimer, and Valerie Chop were present to give background on themselves and to show interest in becoming the alternate member that currently is vacant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Merritt made the announcement that tonight's meeting would be brief as to allow attendance at the Board of Selectman's meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: Resident Lisa Allaby sent an e-mail to Chairman Merritt showing interest in becoming the alternate member that is currently vacant (see attached). Hilda read a thank you note from Social Services Director, Kathleen Gillen for the purchase of gifts during the holiday season.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Bob Korin made a motion to approve the minutes from December 15, 2009. Lisa Bergh seconded the motion. Vote, motion passes. Jane Kraver abstained.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Kate Shea and Devin Pedone were welcomed by the commission. They shared information about themselves as did the current commission members in an effort to become acquainted.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Hilda Delucia presented the Director's Report (see attached).

EX-OFFICIO REPORT: Jacquie Mancher reported meeting with the student advisory group. There is a strong interest in having a paintball event. More research is needed.

OLD BUSINESS: Chairman Merritt reported that the website is up and running.

Hilda and Rich met last week with First Selectman Knickerbocker, Town Engineer, Andrew Morosky, and Parks and Recreation Director, Eileen Earle. This is in regards to the location of the Teen Center and the Grant, a few things are in the works, and more information will follow in the upcoming weeks. It was clear that the grant money must be used for the teens.

The Comcast teen's program contract is up for renewal this month.

Chairman Merritt stated that the commission would be voting on the Republican Alternate vacancy at the next scheduled meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Bob Korin made a motion to nominate Lisa Bergh as recording secretary. Jane Kraver seconded the motion. Motion to close nominations made by Bob Korin, motion seconded by Kate Shea. Vote to close nominations and to appoint Lisa Bergh Recording Secretary. Motion passes unanimously.

Lisa Bergh made a motion to appoint Richard Merritt chairman, motion seconded by Bob Korin. Jane Kraver made a motion to close nominations, motion seconded by Bob Korin. Vote on closing nominations and appointing Richard Merritt Chairman. All in favor, motion passes unanimously.

Bob Korin made a statement that he would be interested in being nominated Vice-Chairman.

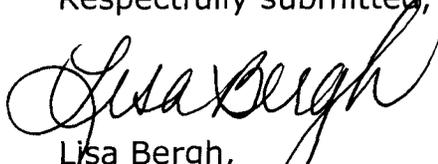
Lisa Bergh made a motion to nominate Bob Korin as Vice-Chairman, Jane Kraver seconded the motion. Jane Kraver made a motion to close nominations. Motion seconded by Richard Merritt. Vote to close nominations and appoint Bob Korin Vice-Chairman. Motion passes unanimously.

Chairman Merritt discussed the student advisory committee, asking for several members of the Youth Commission to commit to being involved with this group.

Jane Kraver and Kate Shea both agreed to be the designated members.

A motion to adjourn was made by Devin Pedone, motion seconded by Kate Shea. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM
Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Bergh,
Recording Secretary

I. Membership Update:

Grade	January '10 membership	December 09 membership	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Jan. # of members
			January		December		
7	44	44	23	21	23	21	25
8	62	61	35	27	35	26	79
Freshman	102	96	37	65	36	60	43
Sophomore	49	50	13	37	13	37	36
Juniors	55	51	19	36	19	32	19
Seniors	38	35	10	28	10	25	26
Totals	350 4% monthly increase 53.5% increase from Jan. '09	337	137	214	136	201	228

II. Program Attendance (see report)

III. Events/Programs for discussion

- a. Raffle Update
- b. Paintball
- c. Palisades Mall Trip(s)

December 15, 2009 - January 15, 2010

PRO ACCESS ACTIVITY REPORT

	Activity	Target Audience	Date	Number attended	Comments
1	Cookie Baking	All members	Dec. 15	6	
2	Holiday Party	All members	Dec. 16	12	Special Needs students
3	Ice Skating	All members	Dec. 17	10	
4	Manicures	All Members	Jan. 6	14	
5	Student Advisory Mtg.	By invitation only	Jan. 7	10	No 7 th graders attended
6	Open Gym	All members	Jan. 8	54	
7	Games And..	All members	Jan. 9	4	
8	Comcast Taping	All members	Jan. 9	7	
9	Famous Pizza	All members	Jan. 13	12	
10	Games and...	All Members	Jan. 14	0	Cancelled due to no chaperones available
11	Open Gym	All members	Jan. 15	52	
Total participants served in November/December				181	Avg. = 16 participants per program
In Nov./Dec. there were 22 programs with 290 participants					Avg. = 13 participants per program
In Dec./Jan 2009 115 participants were served with 16 programs for an average of 7 participants per program.					

Hilda DeLucia

From: lisaallaby@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2010 2:28 PM
To: richardemerritt@aol.com
Cc: hildadelucia@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Youth Commission - Alternate Position

Hi Rich, I just met with Hilda and she told me you are looking for an alternate. As you may remember my husband Norm was on the commission several years ago. He is doing well and enjoying his career as a pilot. Instead of Norm I thought you might consider me. I have been a very active volunteer in the Bethel Schools for over 12 years. Our daughter Erica is a senior and Austin is an 8th grader. I am involved in the PTO's, All Sports Booster Club and the Post Prom Committee. I am a Junior Achievement instructor in Rockwell and Berry schools too. I have been a mentor to 3 Bethel students over the years.

Outside of Bethel, I am a board member of TBICO (The Bridge to Independence and Career Opportunities) and Instructor, United Way of Northern Fairfield County Resource Development Committee and member of the Greater Danbury Chamber of Commerce.

I feel strongly that I can be a positive contributor to the commission and I totally believe in its mission. Hilda has done a fabulous job at offering creative, fun and well rounded programs and events through the Teen Center. She has been instrumental at changing the perception that many people had about the Teen Center and I would love to help support her efforts.

Thanks in advance for your consideration. Happy New Year!

Jan. 8, 2010

Dear Hilary and members of
the Bethel Teen Center,

Thank you very much for
providing gifts for a Bethel family.
Your thoughtfulness made a good
holiday for them.

Kathleen Hillen
Director of Social Services