

**Dryden Recreation and Youth Commission
Minutes, August 26, 2015**

Members present: Stephanie Mulinos, Judy Sinicropi, David Bravo-Cullen, Diane Pamel, Kathy Servoss
Liaison from Tompkins County Youth Services: Kris Bennett
Town of Dryden Recreation Dept.: Jennifer Jones
Guest: Town Planning Director Ray Burger

Stephanie called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Judy has not been receiving communication about meetings or other DRYC business; Stephanie will confirm she has the correct contact information.

June Minutes Moved by Diane, seconded by David. One correction: Page 1, Town Board Liaison's report: substitute "Kathy Servoss" for "Diane Pamel" re. the DRYC presentation to the town board. Minutes were approved with this correction unanimously.

Reports No questions re. Dave Hall's report. Re. Kris Bennett's report, the sharing of the PQA report was tabled due to time limitations and will appear on a future DRYC meeting agenda. Jennifer's Rec. report – no more sign-ups for senior fitness class but many inquiry calls. Ellis Hollow offerings will appear in the next Recreation booklet; Varna was asked but has not responded. Town liaison was not present to make a report. See Dryden Lake Festival report below.

2016 Funding and Applications Request from Kathy S. re. county budget update. Kris reported that Joe Mareane has told Amie Hendrix (CYS director) that he will include the previously discussed \$75,000 to support the Municipal Youth Services System in his budget as an unrecommended OTR (over-target request); \$10,980 of this would be Dryden's share. He is supportive of the funding but cannot recommend it without exceeding the cap limitations set by the county legislature and/or the governor's tax cap. Kris shared a budget projection with DRYC members showing anticipated 2016 revenue and total funding request amounts for the three CCE programs. Kris suggested DRYC prepare two recommendations: one if the OTR is approved and one if it is not. If the OTR is approved and the Town holds its contribution at the same level as 2015, there is sufficient funding for all three programs. She added that Shelley did not prepare alternate scenarios in her funding requests upon Kris' advice. Kris told Shelley that the DRYC would need to provide guidance to her about their priorities (OURS vs. Dryden Youth Services vs. Youth Employment). After discussion of various options, DRYC asked Jennifer to arrange a meeting with Shelley, Kris, Janice Johnson (CYS), to discuss priorities and options for alternate funding scenarios if the OTR is not approved. This meeting will include as many DRYC members as are able to attend. The vote on the recommended budget will take place at the Sept. 23 DRYC meeting. The Town's budget is due to be adopted on 10/22.

Presentation by Ray Burger, Town Planning Director Ray reported that the town has been discussing the possible acquisition of the 15 acre Hoag-Harvey parcel of land near Pinckney Rd. and Fall Creek with Mrs. Hoag. However, the parcel has now been listed with a broker and the price has gone up. The land has unique natural resources and is strategic; it's needed for the proposed Varna trail and could also be used for other Town purposes: leisure activities, recreation, community space. The parcel would need work (such as an access road) to meet the Town's needs for any of these purposes. Following a discussion by DRYC members, Kathy moved, and Diane seconded a motion to express the DRYC's support for the Town's purchase of the Hoag-Harvey parcel because of its strategic value from both a recreation and youth program perspective. Motion passed, unanimous. Ray will pursue this tomorrow.

Report on Dryden Lake Festival Kathy/Jennifer/David reported that the festival went well, an estimated 500-700 participated and while this was lower than hoped for, next year they will start planning, advertising, and lining up sponsors earlier which should draw in more people. A 5K and 10K run was held with 28 runners participating. Next year, they plan to have something on the water; this year's planned water feature (paddle boards) did not show up.

Update on DRYC Resolution to Town Board and Community Center Planning Stephanie shared that the Town Board adopted the resolution, giving the DRYC the ability to research, consider, develop and recommend new ideas for a Town community center. DRYC stated it will be important to link and unite with the other community center planning group that came out of several CCE meetings on this topic earlier in the year as well as with the town, DRYC, and other existing groups. Diane hopes that the discussion will be broader than just the Village of Dryden. The next planning group meeting is tentatively scheduled for 9/17.

Monitoring Stephanie did not make it to the Ellis Hollow movies and marshmallows event. The event coordinator did not respond to her request for program and schedule details until one week before the event and Stephanie was unable to attend. David did not make it to either fire academy but will contact the fire dept. for a report. Jennifer visited Dan the Snake Man at the library on 8/4; 150 people of all ages attended. The presentation was well organized, educational, and encouraged audience participation. Kris' monitoring report of Nikki's program was included in the meeting materials; she visited Dave's program yesterday and will have her report for the next meeting. Judy will contact Nikki to arrange an OURS program visit once the school year starts.

DRYC Goals: Youth Member Stephanie will contact DHS government teachers to encourage youth who need to do community service to attend several DRYC meetings or even apply for appointment to the DRYC.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9/23.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Minutes by Kris Bennett, Tompkins County Youth Services Dept. Liaison