

**Dryden Recreation and Youth Commission**  
**June 28, 2017**

**Members Present:** Stephanie Mulinos (Chair), Claudia Haferkamp-Wise, Paula Klaben, Diane Pamel and David Bravo-Cullen

**Liaisons Present:** Kathy Servoss, Town Board and Kris Bennett, TCYSD

**Town Board update:** K. Servoss

- The Comptroller's Office has been contacted for clarification of the Recreation Reserve resolution.
  - o S. Mulinos said the Committee is looking for clarification regarding whether the rec reserve money is limited to property that they Town owns, within the Town borders, etc.
  - o Does the Town Board still want the DRYC to create guidelines for the use of the Recreation Reserve by the community?
  - o D. Bravo-Cullen questioned whether the reserve could be used to buy the fit stations for the Dryden Lake Trail since they would then be an asset of the Town.

**Recreation Department update:** J. Davison

Please see attached.

**Tompkins County Youth Services:** K. Bennett

Please see attached.

- In addition to the attached report, this is the department's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They are asking people to nominate anyone who should be recognized as a Caring Adult. They would like to identify 40 people that they can recognize and honor in October. The nomination form is on the TCYSD website. They are also providing 40 ways to be a caring adult.
- Lexi Hartley has resigned.

**Rail to Trail update:** D. Bravo-Cullen

- They have a few more easements.
- They have not had success getting a grant yet.
- They held a meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup> for design ideas. One of the discussion items was the name of the trail (a single name for the whole trail with sections identified), the theme (railroads) and the users (bikers, walkers, horseback riders, cross country skiers). Horses were a hot issue.
- They are hoping the trail will be supported by volunteers/organizations.

**Old Business:**

**Annual Report:**

- The report is done and has been distributed to various public locations.

**Rec Partnership Presentation:**

- Janice Johnson, Tompkins County Youth Services, will be joining the DRYC next month for a presentation on the Partnership.

**New Business:**

**DRYC Communication Plan:** Community Space group

- They are trying to create an information resources hub where content will be available. They are looking for assistance to build a website. Outreach has started but they have not heard back from people yet.
- The group has also been looking at funding.

**TCYS Vitality Checklist:** K. Bennett

- The DRYC is one of several in the County that are all part of the municipal youth services system that receive funds from the County.
- One of the things that they request is a “self examination” of the Commissions.

**Tompkins County Municipal Planning Group Vitality & Accountability Assessment**

<b>Name of Municipal Youth Planning Group:</b>	<b>Usually</b>	<b>Some-times</b>	<b>Never</b>	<b>Technical Assistance Needs</b>
<b><u>Planning Group Structure, Membership &amp; Relationship to Municipality:</u></b>				
1. The municipality has created or designated a planning group to make youth development recommendations to local elected officials and Tompkins County Youth Services Board.	<b>X</b>			
2. The planning group has municipally approved by-laws or operating guidelines and follows them.	<b>X</b>			
3. The Commission has officers with clear duties.	<b>X</b>			
4. Committees or individuals are clear about their responsibilities so they can join in and know what is expected of them.		<b>X</b>		
5. The group has an active core of at least 3-5 members.	<b>X</b>			
6. Vacancies are filled in a reasonable amount of time.			<b>X</b>	
7. New members are oriented so they feel welcome and are able to participate quickly.	<b>X</b>			
<b><u>Organization, Meetings, &amp; Leadership:</u></b>				
1. There are meetings at least 10 times/year, and there is a quorum for all meetings.		<b>X</b>		
2. Meetings begin and end on time, has minutes & provides copies to the Youth Services Dept.	<b>X</b>			
3. All meeting have a well thought out agenda that is distributed in advance of meeting with relevant materials to make decisions.	<b>X</b>			

4. Meetings are characterized by free discussion, good questions about programs, needs, goals, & performance, participation by most members, and active thinking together.	<b>X</b>			
5. The quality of decisions are high, meaning that enough time is allowed, numerous viewpoints are presented before voting, & creative thinking is encouraged.	<b>X</b>			
6. New leadership is encouraged and developed.		<b>X</b>		
<b><u>Planning:</u></b>				
1. Uses organized surveys, community forums, parent/youth feedback to identify youth needs.	<b>X</b>			
2. The commission sets priorities based on the needs assessment and creates an annual work plan.	<b>X</b>			
3. Uses proven effective program models	<b>X</b>			
4. Programs have qualified staff or volunteers and supervision to support the planned services	<b>X</b>			
5. Understands basics of funding available and makes supportable financial decisions	<b>X</b>			
<b><u>Oversight, Guidance and Accountability:</u></b>				
1. Understands each program's purpose and direction.		<b>X</b>		
2. Asks for appropriate and reasonable information about program activity.	<b>X</b>			
3. Receives program reports made by providers on a regular basis or at least quarterly.	<b>X</b>			
4. Members do not directly oversee themselves or immediate family members.	<b>X</b>			
5. Assures that sufficient & eligible matching funds are available for state and county aid.	<b>X</b>			
6. Reviews financial reports on program services periodically at least quarterly.	<b>X</b>			
7. Uses TCYS monitoring report to observe and monitor the programs at least annually and shares the report with the commission/council.		<b>X</b>		
8. Gathers feedback from parents and youth about the programs. <i>Will ask program providers to include as part of reporting.</i>			<b>X</b>	
9. Follows up to see that requests or concerns re: programs/staff are adequately addressed.				<b>NA</b>
10. Commission members participate in the hiring of program staff.	<b>X</b>			

<b><u>Advocacy &amp; Coordination:</u></b>				
1. Reports regularly to local elected officials, other funders, and stakeholders to keep them updated about commission's efforts.	<b>X</b>			
2. Has an annual report and distributes it to funders and key supporters.	<b>X</b>			
3. Stays abreast of local programs to avoid duplication, initiates coordinated programming when appropriate.	<b>X</b>			
4. Networks with schools, businesses, churches, other service groups.		<b>X</b>		
5. Has an easily identifiable logo/slogan that is used on all correspondence, program advertising, etc. that is recognized in the community.			<b>X</b>	
6. Does advertising and "talking up" programs and the work of the commission regularly.		<b>X</b>		
<b><u>Youth Leadership:</u></b>	<b>NA</b>			
1. Provides opportunities for youth to learn leadership skills in programs at the commission level				<b>X</b>
2. Uses youth as problem solvers				<b>X</b>
3. Invites youth to recommend programs & identify needs.				<b>X</b>
4. Youth participate in the hiring of program staff.			<b>X</b>	

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9PM.

These minutes were transcribed from an audio recording.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin A. Bieber  
Deputy Town Clerk

Recreation Department

**June, 2017**

- Youth Programs
  - Current/running



- ULA
- Art Camp – 7 registered (June 26-30) 5 registered (Aug. 21-25)
- Archery Camp – 2 registered (Ages 6-8) 11 registered (Ages 9-14)
- Golf Camp – 6 registered (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7/11 – 8/3)
- Dance Camp – 3 registered (Monday-Friday, 7/31 – 8/4)
- Horse camp – low registration
- Upcoming Fall
  - Soccer
  - Football (Flag and Tackle)
  - Cheer
- Adult Programs
  - Current/running
    - Adult Dance (New)
      - 6/15 – 18 participated
      - 6/22 – 22 participated
      - 6/29 - 14
      - 7/6 - 14
    - Yoga (new and FREE) gauging participation next Saturday
    - Softball (6<sup>th</sup> team added this year)
    - Handball (new) 3 teams
    - Pickleball (scale back or cut)
    - WW2 History (New and FREE) Class had 10 attendants, one more session
  - Upcoming Fall
    - Tai Chi? (later time of day)
- Fit trail
  - Spoke W/ Community Café board for possible partnership, awaiting reply.
    - *Please discuss the possibility of using rec. reserve.*
- Other News
  - \$500 of equipment received from Riddell from Grant
    - 4 helmets
    - 2 shoulder pads

## Updates for Dryden Recreation & Youth Commission, June, 2017

From Kris Bennett, Tompkins County Youth Services Department



- I have updated the Town Profiles that our department creates to support local planning groups. Dryden's (and all the others) can be found at [www.tompkinscountyny.gov/youth/publications](http://www.tompkinscountyny.gov/youth/publications) The profile is a collection of youth-related data sorted by categories: population, education, health and mental health, economic security, civic engagement, and family. I'll bring one copy to the June DRYC meeting. It may be useful when Dryden updates its youth needs assessment.

- I met recently with Elizabeth Wolff and Stephanie Mulinos to continue discussion about Dryden community spaces, sharing of events, etc. We have another meeting tentatively scheduled before the end of June.
- Since Lexi's resignation which takes effect Aug. 11, I have been supporting Shelley as she advertises the position and makes a hiring plan.