

NORTHVILLE YOUTH ASSISTANCE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
August 11, 2015

- Present** Sue Campbell, Nancy Darga, Symantha Heath, Amy Knoth, Sandra Larson, Chuck Murdock, Ken Roth, Libby Smith
- Absent** Deanna Barash, Marilyn Price
- Guest** Marina Neumaier, Northville Township Finance Director

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 by Finance Chair Libby Smith and taken over by Vice Chairperson Sandra Larson at 8:14.

The minutes from the June meeting were approved as presented.

Program Report

Director Sue Campbell reported that the NYA garden is thriving and the seniors are thoroughly enjoying the bountiful results. Sue will start another mentor training in early September. Camp Hillside and Meads Mill launched yesterday (Monday, August 10) very successfully. They are expecting a wonderful week. With 40 students at each school, there were approximately six kids that weren't able to get in due to space. All participants paid the fee; one was provided financial aid. A third social worker was hired this summer, Carolyn Kivell.

Financial Report

For this month's Financial Report, Sue invited Marina Neumaier to speak with the Commission about the proposed 2016 budget. This was a follow up conversation to a meeting that she and Ken Roth attended on August 5, 2015 with Ms. Neumaier.

A synopsis of the NYA budget was presented as well as a multiyear projection of the NYA budget. Ms. Neumaier commended the Commission for initiating a "pay to participate" component to some of our programs. With this component, NYA is able to sustain their current programming. In addition, there was discussion about identifying and maintaining an appropriate fund balance for the program. Commissioners suggested that a sustainable funding model be addressed in a future strategic plan.

Liaison Reports

- a. **City** – Nancy Darga reported out on the completion of the Maybury trail and other progress being made with non-motorized plans.
- b. **Township** – Symantha Heath reported that there has been an increased focus on the 5 Mile property hoping to gain additional tax revenue.
- c. **Northville Public Schools** – no report

Old Business

Director Campbell provided a report on the Peer 2 Peer Program at Meads Mill.

She also reported that two donations from the Meadowbrook Congregational Church had been received.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 am.

**The next Commission meeting is Tuesday, September 15 at 8 a.m. at the
Northville Community Center.**