

**NORTHVILLE YOUTH ASSISTANCE
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
May 10, 2016**

PRESENT: Sue Campbell, Michele Fecht, Symantha Heath, Suzanne Lynn, Chuck Murdock, Libby Smith / **ABSENT:** Deanna Barash, Amy Knoth, Marilyn Price, Lauren Romeo

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Libby Smith called the meeting to order at 8 a.m.

TOWNSHIP LIAISON REPORT: Symantha Heath reported that Northville Township is looking at a mixed-use development of the Five Mile corridor that could include small houses / townhouses, office, a movie theater, small boutique hotel and grocery. She further noted that a citizens' group is pursuing legal action against the Arbor Hills landfill expansion. Northville Township does not have standing on the issue because it is outside the township's jurisdiction.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the April 12, 2016 minutes were approved as read.

PROGRAM REPORT: Director Sue Campbell reported that 17 to 18 students already are registered for the CAMP Hillside and Meads Mill program to take place August 15-19. This year, the program will accept up to 80 students (40 at each school). Spring mentor training began April 27 with two men and four women participating. Referrals in the diversion program have increased significantly. From January through the end of April, NYA has received 16 diversion referrals compared to five in the same period last year and four in 2014. Director Campbell noted the three social workers are taking a wait-and-see approach toward hiring additional help for their increased caseloads.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Director Campbell noted the \$12,000 remaining in the Conrad Charitable Foundation Fund is designated for camp scholarships.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- A. NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS: None.
- B. CITY OF NORTHVILLE: None

OLD BUSINESS: Commissioner Suzanne Lynn reported that the subcommittee evaluating NYA's diversion program met in April to review the process for evaluating the program's outcomes for the past three years. Other subcommittee members include Director Sue Campbell, Amy Knoth and Deanna Barash. The subcommittee is considering surveying parents about changes in their child's behavior after participating in the program as well as feedback about what the program does well and what it could do differently.

NEW BUSINESS: Commission Chair Libby Smith and commissioners Chuck Murdock and Michele Fecht will meet June 1 to discuss retooling the evaluation process to make it more program focused.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 a.m.