



**CITY OF WAUWATOSA  
YOUTH COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

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**November 13, 2024**

**6:15 PM**

**In Person Meeting  
Lower Civic Center Room**

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**REGULAR MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:19 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Adults:**

Kristin Hagen  
Jean Bikomeye  
Lance Isaacs  
Kelly Burk  
Matthew Vanderkamp

**Youth:**

Olivia Wilke  
Ben Ruzicka  
Guy Johnson  
Lincoln Johnson  
Owen Colvin  
Brendan Reardon  
Matthew Jaworski  
Winter Hamilton  
Eva Barth  
Audrea-Claire Jones-Dixon  
Josie Marsho

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**Audrea-Claire Jones-Dixon moved to approve the minutes from the October, 2024 meeting. Seconded by Lincoln Johnson. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. School Resource Officer – Mr. Isaacs reported that a list of questions for School Resource Officers was requested in advance of SROs attending a meeting. Discussion took place regarding attendance of SROs and Mr. Isaacs will reconnect with Tosa PD regarding whether an SRO can be assigned to attend or report at all of our meetings vs. having multiple SROs come to one meeting.

- B. Wauwatosa Veteran War Memorial Update – Mr. Isaacs will be attending a meeting. Youth may be asked to assist with locating family members of Tosa Veterans to invite them to the dedication ceremony.
- C. Other Correspondence: Friends of the County Grounds is having a buckthorn removal. Registration information provided.

### **REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS**

- A. Common Council – No report.
- B. Police Department – No report.
- C. Recreation Department – Mr. Vanderkamp reports that the fall session is ongoing; winter activity guide is coming out. Recreation Department is always looking for good, reliable employees.
- D. School District Representative -- Ms. O'Connor's attendance was excused. She sent a note indicating she had no report, but as always to let her know how she can help the efforts of the Commission.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Awards Committee – Jean Bikomeye
  - a. Ms. Burk reports that Jean Bikomeye will be taking over as chair of the Awards Committee. Discussion regarding the award application process and potential “rewards” or other incentives to apply. Discussion took place regarding potentially obtaining community sponsorship for the award. Plan will be to get started shortly on disseminating applications. Discussion regarding redacting award applicants during the selection process.
- B. Birthday Mailings – Kay Lorenzen
  - a. Mrs. Lorenzen's attendance was excused. Birthday mailings continue to be sent out.
- C. Membership Committee – Kelly Burk
  - a. No report.
- D. Publicity – Kay Lorenzen
  - a. No report.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Youth members want high school age opportunities on the West or East side of Tosa
  - a. Ben Ruzicka, Olivia Wilke and Lincoln Johnson reported that they attended the Trunk or Treat event hosted by the Rec Department and it was successful. They shared information about WYC to visitors to their trunk.
- B. Youth members wish to host an event.
  - a. Event Committee (Kristin Hagen, Eva Barth, Winter Hamilton) has been formed. Eva and Ms. Hagen met to discuss preliminary planning and shared general ideas. Group would like to host a Battle of the Bands. First step for planning is to select date and location. Group discussed dates; given time needed to plan and other events/commitments (prom, spring break, finals, summer) members selected Friday April 25, 2025 for date of the event.
  - b. Locations were discussed. Mrs. Lorenzen sent a report regarding potential of using the Grand Hall at Hoyt Park. \$300 for 3 hour rental. Indoors. Discussed other potential locations, and members agreed preference would be to be able to hold the event outdoors, if possible. Aundrea-Claire Jones-Dixon and Kristin Hagen will work to reach out to the City regarding information on Hart Park and Root Common Park. **Guy Johnson moved to approve an expenditure of up to \$500 for location rental. Seconded by Owen Colvin. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

- c. At next meeting, plan will be to select location and begin planning other aspects of event. (Food, charity/community partnership, sponsorship for event/prize for bands, promotion/artwork, etc.)

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Crosswalk effectiveness – Mr. Isaacs added this as a potential future initiative for the Commission, if interest.
- B. Reaching out to other city committees –Mr. Isaacs notes that there are multiple other commissions our group could/should reach out to for collaboration. Discussed potentially collaborating with others on our Battle of the Bands event; however members indicated that for now it is preferable to get the event running on our own and potentially open things up for collaboration for future events.
- C. Wauwatosa Lacrosse is looking for extra coaches.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: December 11, 2024 (Second Wednesday of each month September – May)  
6:15 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT: Ben Ruzicka moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Seconded by Olivia Wilke.  
Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

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