

Youth Services Committee Meeting  
June 8<sup>th</sup> 2017

**Meeting called to order at:** 7:49 p.m.

**In Attendance:** Ade O., Pat B., John W., Ashley S., Dave Y., Willie M., Emily D., Natalie W., Jhontia W.

**Approval of last meeting's minutes:** Motion to approve made by David Y., Seconded by Natalie W.

**Public Comments:** None

**Introduction of new members:** The committee welcomed new member Emily Dagostino.

**Liaison Reports:**

**Oak Park:** The Township board had their second meeting with the new board members. They are still fine tuning some things and did a lot of "housekeeping." The board also decided to honor past Supervisor, David Boulanger by naming the dining room in the Senior Services in his honor. David was instrumental in getting Senior Services moved into the 130 building. Planning for Day in Our Village, which took place on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, began. Overall, the event was a success and there was a lot of staff participation. The board really appreciated the effort and enjoyed seeing the interaction between community members and staff.

Discussions about the threats Townships face from a Legislative point of view were had. The original bill, discussed at length in previous meetings, gave the power to consolidate to the larger municipality. That bill passed through the House, but not the Senate. Ultimately, the new bill that did pass states that the decision to consolidate would be a joint one; giving Townships an opportunity to be a part of that decision making process.

The board approved the committee's recommendation of funding the SMART program at \$15,500.00.

**River Forest:** No liaison report was given as RF Liaison, Carla Sloan, was unable to attend the meeting. She did however want to pass along her thanks to all who participated in the Memorial Day Parade.

**Director's Report:** Bert Patania, Youth Interventionist Supervisor, has put in his resignation. Discussions about what the next steps will be in terms of staffing are happening. This time of year is always busy with FAS requests, especially with summer school and sports camps at OPRFHS. We ran into a few hiccups this year, but overall setting a strict deadline for families to get their requests in helped keep things organized both for the High School and Township office.

Carol Y. has resigned from her position on the committee so an Oak Park position has opened.

A Peace Circle for parents at Julian was very well received. Approximately 18 parents attended. This was a great way to familiarize parents with Peace Circles as John gears up to host Circles in all of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes' at all eight elementary schools in the fall. John is working on recruiting interns to help with this.

**Old Business:** As of now, 26 kids are already signed up to participate in the SMART program. Meetings with school Principals are still in the works in order to determine funding for two junior high contract requests, Julian's Leadership Council and Brooks, LAB.

**New Business:** The committee will not host a formal meeting in July. Instead they would like to host a small work group to conduct a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses Opportunities and Threats) analysis of the committee. This meeting will be held on July 12.

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 8:35 P.M.

**Motioned by:** Natalie W., Seconded by Jhontia W.