

Meeting Minutes of the DuPage Township Youth Committee

February 22, 2021

241 Canterbury Lane, Bolingbrook

6:00 PM

- I. Call to Order - Chair Dan Falese at 6:03pm
- II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited
- III. Roll Call; Dan Falese, Steve Miller, Geno Bagnuolo, Felix George, Ken Burgess, Shantina Boyd(via Phone), Schinn Kerr (via Phone), Joe Johnson (via Phone),
 - A. Absent: Jody Ellis
- IV. Approval of Agenda
 - A. Motioned by Burgess, 2nd by Bagnuolo
 1. Roll Call Vote, All in Favor
- V. Approval of Minutes
 - A. September 28, 2020-Motioned by Burgess, 2nd by Kerr
 1. Roll Call Vote;
 - a) Approved: Falese, Miller, Burgess, George, Bagnuolo, Kerr, Johnson, Boyd
 - b) Abstain: Ellis
- VI. Trustee Liaison Report-Trustee Burgess
 - A. Township Board unanimously approved grant requests for Hamilton Park SAC and Heart Haven Outreach at previous meeting
- VII. Old Business
 - A. STARS Update
 1. Scheduled meeting was postponed to allow Jody to attend. It will be held in the coming weeks.
- VIII. New Business
 - A. Bolingbrook Elite Basketball Grant Request
 1. James Gaston presented on behalf of Bolingbrook Elite Basketball
 2. He stated that his goals are directed at growing their program which has been active for a year and a half
 3. Bagnuolo asked about detail about the specific line items listed within the grant application
 - a) Most of these lines were for specific tournaments and court time for practice opportunities
 4. Bagnuolo asked about the current amount of youth in the program
 - a) The program began with 8 kids, and is currently at 13
 5. Falese asked about cuts and fundraising
 - a) This organization currently operates with no cuts
 - b) They have been working on fundraising through GoFundMe
 6. Johnson asked about their 501c3 status

- a) They are not currently yet a 501c3 organization
 - b) George noted the benefits of being a 501c3 for tax purposes and other things. Also noted that historically we have only done grants with 501c3 established organizations
- 7. Miller asked how much they practice
 - a) Currently twice a week with 1-2 tournaments per weekend
- 8. Bagnuolo asked what current registration fees are
 - a) Currently there are no registration fees
- 9. In open conversation it was recommended that the organization may be asking for a lot of funding for such a new program, and the funding comparison to youth it would impact is drastically skewed compared to our past approved requests. It was recommended that Johnson and Kerr sit down with Mr. Gaston to help him with the 501c3 process and provided some guidance on his programs budgeting/expenses, as they both have direct experience with what he is looking to accomplish.
 - a) We have tabled the discussion until he can establish 501c3 status
- IX. Public Comments
 - A. None
- X. Member Comments
 - A. Boyd asked when is the end of our fiscal budget cycle?
 - 1. George explained it is April 1st
 - B. Schin looks forward to assisting Mr. Gaston however he can
 - C. Miller will be getting shoulder surgery and may miss a handful of upcoming meetings
- XI. Adjournment
 - A. Motioned by Burgess, second by George at 6:50- All in Favor