

NORTHVILLE YOUTH ASSISTANCE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 2014

Present Deanna Barash, John Buckland, Sue Campbell, Nancy Darga, Sandra Larson, Chuck Murdock, Marilyn Price, Libby Smith

Absent Symantha Heath, Ken Romine

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 by Chairperson Marilyn Price

The minutes from the August meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

Program Report

Director Sue Campbell reported on the success on Camp Hillside and Meads Mill. Commissioner Larson stated that she had heard great things from community members about the middle school programs at a social event. Campbell will be representing NYA at the Victorian Festival this coming weekend. Unfortunately, Lauren Jones who had been contractually hired to take over Liza's caseload will not be joining NYA. Campbell will continue to interview candidates.

Financial Report

No report – nothing received from the Township.

Sustainable Funding Committee Report

Commissioner Chuck Murdock has been investigating potential grant opportunities. He has narrowed down a long list provided to him by Director Sue Campbell to youth based grants and is now scouring details to see if any of the seven or eight he is researching would be appropriate. He is not overly hopeful but will continue the research. This led in to a long discussion of other sustainable funding options. Fundraising ideas were discussed such as event fundraisers. Campbell will follow up with Township officials on the feasibility of fundraising.

Old Business

Campbell reported that she had reviewed recent budget reductions with secondary school principals. This included the decision to not fund Challenge Day at Hillside as NYA has done for the past several years. While disappointed, the principals understood the budget limitations and were grateful for the past support. Each school will investigate programs for their buildings based on the money NYA hopes to contribute. Campbell is meeting with elementary principals later today to discuss potential programs for them.

New Business

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am.

**The next Commission meeting is Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 8 a.m. at the
Northville Community Center.**