

**NORTHVILLE YOUTH ASSISTANCE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**Special Call Meeting**  
**June 27, 2017**

**Present** Director Sue Campbell, Deanna Barash, Mindy Herrmann, Amy Knoth, Chuck Murdock, Marilyn Price, Michele Fecht, Suzanne Lynn (via phone) Libby Smith

**Absent** Lauren Romeo

**Special Guests:** Township Manager Chip Snider, Assistant Township Manager/HR Dir Debbie Wilhelm

**Meeting Called to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 by Chair Michele Fecht

**NYA Director Position Discussion** – Chip Snider started the conversation by explaining Northville Township’s options for next steps on the replacement of Director Sue Campbell who will be retiring the end of July. He explained that upon the resignation of all Directors within the Township, they fully analyze options of replacing those positions with a part time or possibly two part time people to save on legacy costs. The decision is not always permanent, although they suggest a part time Interim Director until a further analysis can be completed.

They also mentioned informal discussions taking place with Growth Works, a subcontracted social service company that serves other areas in Wayne County.

Chuck Murdock inquired about whether the decision to cut back on the position was a reflection of what may be to come for the program. Snider replied that they will be taking a look at the program’s history and related involvement of the public schools.

Assistant Superintendent Deanna Barash voiced the potential opportunity for additional services due to upcoming unfunded mandates on the school district and reiterated the great need for the NYA program to fill a void within the schools.

Snider assured the Commission that the funding for the position would stay the same for the coming year until a thorough analysis can be completed.

He also thanked for the Commission for running smoothly.

There was then conversation from the NYA subcommittee that held a discussion and interview with a potential candidate to consider the position as an Interim Director. Recognizing that this will be a dramatic change from the current position, Commission members discussed new expectations of the work that will be done.

Suzanne Lynn inquired about the anticipated time for the position to be considered Interim. Snider and Wilhelm both agreed that three to six months was reasonable. And they feel this is the best option for consideration at this time.

Amy Knoth made a motion to recommend Amy Prevo to be interviewed by the Township for the position. Marilyn Price seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Next step is to have Debbie Wilhelm contact Amy Prevo.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 am.

**The next regularly scheduled Commission meeting is Tuesday, August 8 at 8 a.m. at the Northville Community Center.**