

Supervisor David P. Kelly opened the Workshop Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pawling at 7:00 PM February 2, 2011 at Pawling Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling, New York. Present were Councilmen Johnson, Upham, Mayer and approximately 17 interested citizens.

The Board entertained a presentation on the Town of Pawling Teen Center by Melissa Smith, Recreation Director, Robyn Woolley, Recreation Leader and Katie Phillips, Summer Camp Director. They explained that the Teen Center is now a drop in center and also a program, which on average serves 20 teens per day and 139 individual teens. Lakeside Park is filled with teens all summer long due to programs but also teens working for the Recreation Department. Some of the programs that are run through the teen center are After School Club, Running Club, Wrestling and Woodworking. There are a lot of opportunities to offer jobs to high school kids. In the fall of 2010, there were 81 job opportunities for the kids and 41 high school kids volunteered for the department. When these teens are employed and volunteering, it gives them an opportunity to earn money and learn responsibility and leadership while acting as role models for the middle school students. The teen center has many partnerships with a lot of local organizations and particularly the Pawling Central Schools. They are always willing to help in any way they can and the Peer Leaders are also helpful. Another organization they are involved with is "Crew's Voice" which is an organization to help children with special needs. Trinity Pawling School has also been a friend to the teen programs. They are working on a new club called the "Interact Club" which will be done through the Rotary Club. Another program is the "Teens in Business" program which the teens really enjoy. The Recreation Department does a lot of advertising through the schools, recreation staff visits the schools, they advertise in the school newsletter and Dr. Robin Lester also submits an article to the Pawling Press biweekly called "Teen Center". They have recently begun to have teen staff attend various school and community related functions that the teens are part of. This gives the staff a better opportunity to interact with the teens and parents as well. The goal of the teen center is to build lasting relationships and they hope that when the kids come in, that they will return. They went over many of the programs and explained that programs have expanded and are successful and have many kids that return. They have had 1,334 teens that have participated.

**TEEN CENTER  
PRESENTATION  
BY THE  
RECREATION  
DEPARTMENT**

Ms. Smith said the teen program offers a lot of programs and events and they are dedicated to meeting the needs of the teenagers. She felt the reason they were so successful was because of the staff they are very fortunate to have. She introduced the staff that was present at the meeting, Robyn Woolley, Katie Phillips, Shaun McGee, Kristin Borke and Julianne Flood and explained their positions and reiterated what a good job they are doing. In addition to the staff, she introduced three members of the Teen Center Advisory Board, Anne Godesky, Matt Whitehurst and Larry O'Neil. She explained that the teen center is funded primarily by the Town Board and they are grateful the Town Board provides a location and is constantly improving that location.

Ms. Woolley said additional funding comes from the money raised from the Pawling Triathlon which also goes to the Teen Center and it has provided the teen center with HD TV, Direct TV, game system, a kitchen, four computers and allows them to take teens on several different trips.

Ms. Smith said in conclusion, for 2010, 354 individual teenagers came through the teen program and 1,334 teens participated in more than one program. So these numbers proves that teens are coming back and willing to participate in the various programs and events. The teen center also provided 293 job opportunities for teens to work or volunteer in the program. In 2011, they will continue to expand and create programs based on the needs and interest of the teens. They look forward to another successful year and thanked the Town Board.

Supervisor Kelly thanked Ms. Smith and her staff for the presentation, saying the work they are doing is incredible and he complemented Ms. Smith and her staff for the work they do.

Councilman Upham said they are doing a nice job.

Councilman Johnson asked if there were thoughts of having programs for kids who are 20-25 years old.

Ms. Smith said there could be. There are two college students working with her and she would talk to them about coming up with something.

Councilman Johnson said Ms. Smith is doing a fabulous job.

Ms. Smith said she has a great staff and the support of the Board.

Supervisor Kelly said on behalf of the Town Board, he would like to thank the Teen Center Advisory Board for all that they do for the teens of this town.

**LITTLE LEAGUE  
PRESENTATION**

The Board entertained a presentation on Pawling Little League by Steven Sollazzo. He thanked the Town Board for their continued support and the help of Melissa Smith, Recreation Director and Wendel Weber, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds. Because of the Town's help, Little League now has a field that meets all Little League international regulations for field dimensions. The completion of the Dodge Road field gives them more flexibility. During the 2010 season, there were 348 boys and girls participating in the program. He asked the Board for approval to do some improvements at the fields.

Following discussion, Supervisor Kelly said he would review the list of improvements with Wendel Weber, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds and get back to Mr. Sollazzo on this.

Mr. Sollazzo thanked the Board for their continued support.

**RESOLUTIONS**

The Board discussed the proposed resolutions. Following discussion, it was agreed that resolutions 2011043, 2011044, 2011045 and 2011046 would be on the February 9<sup>th</sup> agenda.

**MASTER PLAN  
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Supervisor Kelly said he will be on the Master Plan subcommittee and he would like Councilman Mayer to be appointed to the subcommittee also.

The Board agreed.

**TEEN CENTER  
ADVISORY BOARD  
MEMBER**

Supervisor Kelly made a motion to have Councilman Bill Johnson serve on the Teen Center Advisory Board, seconded by Councilman Mayer, motion passed unanimously.

**H.G. FAIRFIELD**

Supervisor Kelly said when H.G. Fairfield made their presentation to the Board, they talked about who would actually be the watchdog for the Town Board on the Lakeside Park Master Plan. He felt Peter Gaitos should continue on with the review of the project with H.G. Fairfield and they would stay with the project as it moves forward.

**LIBRARY BOOK  
SALE**

Supervisor Kelly said the Pawling Library Foundation has requested the use of Lakeside Park for the book sale. He wanted to make sure Melissa Smith was satisfied with their arrangements.

Ms. Smith said the Library Foundation is proposing to use the park for one weekend this year instead of two weekends. She would meet with representatives of the Pawling Library Foundation and establish a schedule.

**PUBLIC  
COMMENT**

Supervisor Kelly opened the meeting for public comment and there was none.

Supervisor Kelly make a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion passed unanimously.

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Town Clerk