

CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
YOUTH COMMISSION
June 18, 2012

PRESENT: Rich Pflueger, Theresa Toczykowski, Jean King, Carnell Jones, Wayne Anderson, Kim Sullivan and Si Edmondson. Alderman Scott Schultz was also present.

ABSENT: John Duhadway.

FISHING DERBY: Event was very well attended with 31 children and their families attending. A good time was had by all. The kids were catching fish fast and furious. Several of our Alderman also showed up to help bait hooks and cheer on the little fisherman.

We discussed ideas for next year including having trophies (again), asking Waste Management for some cardboard trash cans, and asking the Fire Department to hose down the sidewalk before the event.

FAMILY GOLF NIGHTS: Our first event on Friday June 15th was also very well attended including 43 kids and 40 adults. The crowd was well behaved and enjoyed the evening. Carnell did a good job as Chairperson (and chief cook) for the event. It was a warm evening and we ran out of water and juice. (We may need to request more water and juice pouches for the next event.)

We discussed ideas for upcoming event in August such as a recycle bin for the plastic water bottles and possibly using a hand stamp for the paid attendees. Also, we may add a note to the flyer (next year) to encourage folks to bring small bills. (We are not a bank.)

YOUTH POOL PARTY: This year the event will be held on July 14th. Hopefully this new date will increase attendance. We discussed having activities or games for the kids to participate in. We also need to coordinate the food for this event. We will have dilly bars from Dairy Queen for 'dessert'. We will purchase some Dairy Queen gift cards for attendance prizes. Everyone volunteered to help out with all the preparations for the event. (Note: Si has already made up a flyer to be distributed to the neighborhood and to the swim team.)

NEW BUSINESS: We talked some more about hosting a DARE dance at the Rec. Center. We will visit a dance event later this summer to see how they are organized.

We also decided not to host a Movie Night this September. Attendance has been low the past couple of years and the event requires a lot of time and effort. We discussed some other types of events that we could host in the Fall or late Summer such as a 'Back to School Night' to distribute school supplies and possibly provide Health Care checkups.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY JULY 16th, 2012, AT 7:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL.