

# YOUTH COMMISSION

CJH MUNICIPAL CENTER

PRO-ACCESS TEEN CENTER

1 SCHOOL STREET

September 20, 2011

6:45 PM

## MINUTES

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TOWN OF BETHEL  
TOWN CLERK

**PRESENT:**

Chairman, Richard Merritt, Members: Lisa Bergh, Kristin Nauheimer, Jane Kraver, and Kate Shea. Ex-officio Teen Member Chris Phelps and student advisor Brooke Ferraro.

Also Present: Hilda Delucia, Pro-Access Teen Center Director, and Claudia Fortunato, Assistant Director.

Absent: Bob Korin

Chairman Rich Merritt called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** In speaking with Phyllis Kansky, the town's grant writer, Rich has obtained the attached information on the status of the grants designated for the teens.

It is more of a general statement and more information is needed such as what is the value in dollars of the STEAP grant? Is the STEAP grant a matching contribution grant? Terms and conditions for both grants are needed by the Youth Commission. Phyllis Kansky will be contacted again and Bob Korin will be consulted for his input on this subject.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Warren Lafferty was present to explain the availability of the musical instruments from the former Bethel Drum Corp. He and several friends would be willing to teach the teens how to play the instruments once a week if there is an interest. Hilda to hold an informational session on October 5, and 19<sup>th</sup> to determine interest.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of July 19, 2011- Kate Shea made the motion to approve the minutes of July 19, 2011. Motion was seconded by Kristin Nauheimer. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Minutes of August 16, 2011 Kate Shea made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted, motion was seconded by Lisa Bergh. Vote, motion approved.

**DIRECTORS REPORT:** Hilda Delucia presented the Directors Report (see attached). Hilda is waiting for approval from Marty Lawlor, Town Counsel and First Selectman Knickerbocker regarding the hosting of a driving school. She is also waiting to hear from the Selectmen about having a skate night in the back parking lot. The Special Needs transitional students are at the Teen Center on Wednesdays from 10:00 AM through 12:00 PM along with their coach. On Thursdays, the Special Needs Bus drops off students at 2:30 PM and they attend with a representative from the Department of Mental Health until 5:00 PM. There are approximately 7 students. Our Teen center has been asked to host a Halloween party for the Special Needs students from surrounding schools within the Special Needs program. This will be held on October 26 with approximately 20 students attending. Hilda discussed a few of the following upcoming events, October 29, Lake Compounce Trip, November 10, Lockout, \$1.00 Movie nights, participation in the Great American Bake Sale, YouTube Friday night. Chris Phelps has once again been asked to place an ad on Craig's List in order to try and sell the exercise equipment not needed by the Teen Center.

Discussion took place regarding the Student Advisory meetings and the lack of attendance. Hilda has asked Brooke and Chris to reach out to the younger members in the hopes of increasing turnout. Tweeting was suggested, along with facebook contact.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

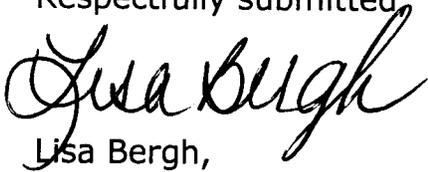
The next meeting of the Youth Commission will be held on October 18, 2011

**ADJOURN:**

Kate Shea made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Jane Kraver, Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Bergh,  
Recording Secretary

# October 2011

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sept. 26 <b>Family Night at Famous</b> Pizza...seatings at 5-6, 6-7, 7-8 Raffles. Proceeds of the night go to Pro Access. RSVP required	Sept. 27 Pro Access open 2:30-6	Sept. 28 <b>Pro Access</b> open 2:30-6	Sept. 29 <b>Pro Access</b> open 2:30-6	Sept. 30 <b>Pro Access</b> open 7-10PM	<b>HOMEWORK HELP PROGRAM</b> Pro Access will be providing a tutoring program for students in 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> grade. Tutors will be honor students in high school. Tutors will be paid \$10/hour. Students will be tutored at Pro Access at a mutually agreeable time with a staff member from Pro Access present. Hours have not yet been determined. Please contact Hilda if you are interested in the program as a student or a tutor.
<del>                             Student Advisory Meeting                              7-9PM at Pro Access                              Cost: \$5                         </del>	4 <b>\$5 Nails at</b> 3-5PM	5 <b>Pro Access</b> open 2:30-6	6 <b>Pro Access</b> open 2:30-6  <b>You Tube</b> What's your favorite YOUTUBE video? We'll spend the night watching our favorites and voting on them. Prize for the video with the most votes. 7-10PM		
10 <b>Student Advisory Meeting</b> 7-9PM at Pro Access Cost: \$5	11 <b>Movie: Friday Night Lights</b>	12 <b>Movie: Remember the Titans with Denzel Washington</b>	13 <b>MOVIE: The Blind Side</b>	14 <b>PRO ACCESS CLOSED HOMECOMING! GO WILDCATS!!!</b>	<div style="border: 2px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">                         Pro Access' membership fee for new members is \$25. Existing member renewal fee is \$10. Thank you.                     </div>
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px;">                         In honor of Homecoming we will be watching a football movie Tues, Wed, and Thurs. Movies start at 7PM                          RSVP please Cost: \$1.00/night. Bring money for snacks. Pro Access will not be opened this week during the day.                     </div>					
17	18	19	20	21	22
	Pro Access open 2:30-6	Pro Access open 2:30-6	Pro Access open 2:30-6	Pro Access open 2:30-6	
24	25 <b>All you can eat at Famous Pizza for \$5.00</b> All the pizza and drinks you want! 3-5PM	26 <b>Pro Access</b> open 2:30-6	27 <b>Pro Access</b> open 2:30-6	28 <b>Pro Access</b> open 2:30-6	29 <b>Lake Compounce Haunted Graveyard and Rides!</b> We'll leave Bethel at 5PM and leave the park at 11PM. We need 25 people to get the group rate. RSVP ASAP Cost: \$25.00 which includes the bus.

Here is the status on the two grants:

1. STEAP grant - Selectman has given priority on this grant to the State, but we have yet to hear their decision. It should be coming soon.

2. We are also awaiting word from the State as to whether we can move the earmark funds of \$150,000 over to build the annex for the Teen Center.

The \$150,000 will be used as part of the projected \$500,000 needed to build the annex.

**Membership Update: July 2011 Paid Renewals and New Memberships since July 2011**

Grade	New Paid Members	Renewal Members	Total	Last month
7	13	8	21	12
8	8	9	17	13
Freshman	0	6	6	3
Sophomore	0	9	9	3
Juniors	2	19	21	15
Seniors	0	3	3	2
Total	23	54	77	48

- I. Program Update and Attendance (see report below)
- II. Upcoming Programs
  - a. Homework Helper
  - b. You tube
  - c. Flash Mob
  - d. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade party
  - e. Webstite update
  - f. Driving School Update
  - g. FamilyNight
  - h. Lake Compounce
  - i. Lockout
  - j. Football Movie Nights
- III. Fundraiser
  - a. cards
  - b. Selling equipment on Craig's List
- IV. Community Service
  - a. Scotty Fund
  - b. Great American Bake Sale
  - c. Student Advisory Meeting
  - d. Pro Access Leaders (PALs)

August 17, 2011 – Sept. 16, 2011  
 PRO ACCESS ACTIVITY REPORT

	Activity	Date	Attendees	Comments
1	Pro Access – Wed.	Aug. 17	11	
2	Pro Access – Thurs.	Aug. 18	10	
3	Pro Access – Fri.	Aug. 19	2	
4	Bronx Zoo – Tues.	Aug. 23	20	
5	Pro Access – Wed.	Aug. 24	3	
6	Pro Access – Thurs.	Aug. 25	2	
7	Pro Access – Tues.	Aug. 30	4	
8	Pro Access – Wed.	Aug. 31	6	
9	Free Lunch first day of School	Sept. 1	42	
10	\$5 Manicures – Tues.	Sept. 6	0	First time it was on a Tuesday
11	Pro Access – Wed.	Sept. 7	1	
12	Pro Access – Thurs.	Sept. 8	4	
13	Pro Access – Fri.	Sept. 9	8	
14	Scotty Fund – Sat.	Sept. 10	9	
15	Scrapbooking- Mon.	Sept. 12	0	Cancelled due to schedule conflicts
16	BFFs at Jacquelines – Tues.	Sept. 13	3	
17	Pro Access – Wed.	Sept. 14	5	
18	Pro Access – Thurs.	Sept. 15	1	
19	Pro Access – Fri.	Sept. 16	4	
Total Participants served in Aug 2011/Sept. 2011			135	Avg. of 8 participants per program
During this same period, mid-Aug. 2010 to mid-Sept. 2010, 60 participants were served with 4 programs for an average of 15 participants per program.				