

**MINUTES
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CLARKSVILLE YOUTH COUNCIL
August 1, 2023 at 5:45pm
Clarksville Town Hall**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Clarksville Youth Council was called to order on August 1, 2023 at 5:50pm by Youth Council Advisor Ken Conklin.

Council Members Present: Jillian Hinton, Lorianna Liu, Catherine Massingill, Kodah Mendlik, Clare Hinton, Lauren Hinton

Council Members Absent: Eva Wheatley

Also Present: Youth Council Advisor Ken Conklin

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Introduction of New Members

- Each Member of the Youth Council took a moment to introduce themselves, the school they represent, and their class (Freshman, Sophomore, etc.)

4.2 YC Advisor Presentation on Procedures/Operations

- Youth Council Advisor Ken Conklin led a presentation on how the Youth Council operates including meeting procedures, voting, public comments, etc.

4.3 Election of Youth Council Officers

- Advisor Ken Conklin outlined the three officer positions and the duties associated with each.
- Kodah Mendlik motioned for himself to serve as YC Secretary. Seconded by Jillian Hinton. Motion was approved with a vote of 6-0.
- Jillian Hinton motioned for herself to serve as YC President. Seconded by Kodah Mendlik. Motion was approved 6-0.
- Lorianna Liu motioned for herself to serve as YC Vice-President. Seconded by Catherine Massingill. Motion was approved 6-0.

4.3 Discussion on Town Boards and Commissions

- Advisor Ken Conklin explained to the Council that each member would be required to select a Town Board or Commission to represent. It will be up to members to keep up with the business of their assigned board and report back to the Youth Council each month.
- YC members were presented with a list and description of each Town Board and Commission.
- Advisor Ken Conklin requested that members select a Board or Commission and email him their selection. Boards are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

4.5 Discussion on Youth Council Priorities and Guest Speakers

- Each member of the Youth Council was asked to come up with three topics or priorities that they would like to address over the next year. They should bring their list of topics to the next meeting for discussion.
- Advisor Ken Conklin stated that he would like to invite a guest speaker to address the YC at each meeting to discuss a variety of topics such as government, community services, and community needs. Members were asked to consider possible speakers they would like to hear from and bring that list to the next meeting.

4.6 Indiana American Water Grant

- The last Youth Council applied for a \$2,000 grant from Indiana American Water to plant trees at various locations across Town, as well as one tree at each of the represented schools on the Youth Council. That grant request was approved.
- Catherine Massingill agreed to serve as the grant administrator and help coordinate the tree plantings.

5. BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS

None (Board and Commission Assignment Pending)

6. YOUTH COUNCIL COMMENTS

- President Hinton asked to discuss the current meeting dates/times for the Youth Council and mentioned that there may be conflicts with the Providence soccer practices. Council members discussed possibly changing the dates/times but decided to keep meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:45pm. However, it was decided that YC members may attend meeting virtually if they are unable to attend in person.
- Advisor Ken Conklin stated that attendance is a top priority, so attending virtually is better than not attending at all.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 5th at 5:45pm on the Clarksville Town Council Chambers.