

**Des Plaines Youth Commission Minutes - April 28th , 2025 - 6:00 pm.  
Prairie Lakes CC- 515 Thacker, Des Plaines, Il.**

**Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM

**Roll Call:** Burton, M. Cullotta, R.Cullotta, Doerr, Dankowski, Sebastian, Ludwig & Neil.

**Absent:** Al-Naemy

**Also Present :** B. Goodman, T. Mazzone, J.Hock , R. Ludwig - Volunteer

**Public Comment** - John Hock - Big thank you to everyone who's been there for him over the past year as he became a judge. T.Mazzone @ Cumberland Elementary School introduced herself.

**Previous Minutes of March 31, 2025, - M. Cullotta, Secretary** - Minutes were distributed. Motions made by Neil/Burton to approve minutes. Motion was carried.

Review of:

April 24, 2025 - Pizza & Puzzles- Frisbe Center - 3:45 to 5:30 Neil/Dankowski - S. Samuelson @ Frisbee Center came up with the Pizza and Puzzle event. A photo from a past event was made into a puzzle. Around 20 people attended, a mix of students and seniors. The winners finished the puzzle in about 25 minutes. Some took a long time to do the puzzles because they were chatting and answering Steve's ice breakers. All the students got to take home a puzzle. It was a really big hit.

### **Upcoming Events**

**Pay it Forward** - District 62- Burton/Dankowski - Ron will print the pictures. Asked J. Bova to be added to the calendar in September. Date - TBA on the books yet.

**Co-Rec Softball** - Neil/Dankowski - June thru -August- Sat. nights at Rand Park - Only have 3 teams and need 20. Will get kids to sign up before June. Elks club will be providing water for Colin's Cooler and will have it ready with ice.

**July 4th Parade** - Burton - 10 AM - Distributing Candy at the parade.

**Taste of Des Plaines** - Sat , June 14, 2025 - R.Cullotta/M. Cullotta, Chairs 12- 3:00 - R. Cullotta will send button machine supplies to B. Goodman and snack list. M Dankowski will send emails for more student volunteers. Will email Jill for more chairs for students.

**Budget**- B. Goodman - Total \$3,4062.42 - Received invoice for shirts. Pizza/Puzzles (\$151.99) Bowling event Sam's Club/Amazon (\$336.37) and Taste items.

**Fingerprinting** - Burton, R.Cullotta, Dankowski and Sebastian to get fingerprints at DPPD

**Events/Activities for 2025**- Events were distributed to Commissioners for any updates.

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**Other Business - City Council Meeting** - April 21, 2025 - Proclamation for DPYC - Copy was distributed to all. Attendees M. Cullotta, R.Cullotta, Dankowski, Sebastian, G .Ludwig, R. Ludwig & Neil.

**Kindergarten orientation** at Terrace School - May 8, 2025 - 6 PM - 7 PM - M. Cullotta will give out promotional items (Green bags).

**National Night Out** - August 5, 2025 - 5 PM to 8 PM - R. Cullotta/M.Cullotta and Neil will attend.

**Food Truck Round up** - August 19, 2025 - G. Ludwig and R. Ludwig to attend.

**Fire Dept. Open House** -September 20, 2025 - R. Cullotta/M.Cullotta to attend.

Event numbers 2024

<u>Events</u>	<u>Kids</u>
Intergenerational -	200
Middle School Bingo -	40
Co-Rec Soft Ball -	280
Bowling -	50
Fun fair -	350
Taste of DP -	125
Harvest Hoot -	250
Trunk-O-Treat -	350
Holiday Hoopla -	225
<u>ELS Prom-</u>	<u>150</u>
	2,020

**Youth Empowerment September ? /time/Location** - T.Mazzone - will come back to us with dates for the Speaker. It would be 2 hours after school. \$9 per middle school student.

**Adjournment** - Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM. - May Meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is August 25, 2025 @ PLCC- 6:00 p.m. - Please email Dankowski if unable to attend.

**“Volunteering is the ultimate expression of community spirit”**