Charter Township of Van Buren

Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes August 10, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairperson Gant. Members Present: Speed Gant, Charles Coleman, Ken Askew, Joy Ann Ferris, Mark Duff, Darris Meredith, Director Ross, Deputy Director Wright, Parks Manager Burns and Recording Secretary Harman.

Absent: None

Excused: Ralph Nodwell

Members of the Audience: None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Coleman moved, Wright seconded to approve the agenda of August 10, 2010 as presented. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Wright moved, Askew seconded to approve the meeting minutes of June 8, 2010 as presented. Motion Carried.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- Update on 2010 Parks and Recreation Vision: Director Ross gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Update on 2010 Parks and Recreation Vision. Ross thanked his staff for all their help. Also, announced that the department has received a \$60,000 grant from the Wayne County Parks Millage for a new gym floor.
- 2. WCCCD/Van Buren Parks and Recreation Stomping out Childhood Obesity Event Update: This was a first year partnership event that was held on Saturday, July 31st from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Approximately 212 people attended throughout the course of the day. Great program with good intentions, future planning can improve this event if done again next year. The Michigan Masons attended with the Child I.D. program. Chair Gant encourage Committee members to attend future events.
- 3. **Master Plan Update:** \$6,700.00 of Community Development Block Grant funds have been approved for the Master Plan Update. Bid spec's were sent out and three bids were received, the highest was \$13,900.00, the lowest was \$6,500.00 from McKenna and Associates.
- 4. CDBG/Van Buren Civic Fund ADA Swings Update: Community Development Block Grant funds and \$2,000.00 from the Van Buren Civic Fund have been awarded for the installation of 4 ADA accessible swings and 2 able bodied swings at Quirk Park. Hope to have the swings installed within the next month.
- 5. **Be Big in Your Community Grant Update:** Grant program through Clifford the Big Red Dog. Communities to submit a project of up to \$25,000.00, the Get Up

and Get Active program was submitted for this grant. The Recreation Committee will be notified as soon as the department hears of word on funding.

- 6. Park Updates: The Concert Series has the Yellow Submarines on Friday. Kayak rentals at Van Buren Park going well, looking to have them at French Landing Park next year. The department is \$700 ahead of last year's revenue. Coleman asked about water quality due to beach 2 day shutdown. Closure was due to low oxygen levels causing fish kill, once the situation was clear the beach was reopened. Duff brought up that the French Landing Park gate is not being locked consistently. Parks Manager Burns will check into this matter. Askew, dead trees and limbs at Van Buren Park. Currently 4-5 trees in the past 2 weeks have been removed and 2 more will be coming down soon. Parks Manager Burns will observe the area noted.
- 7. **Recreation Updates:** Summer classes are winding down. Friday, August 20th is Takin' it to the Streets and also the last day of Summer Camp. The State Representative came out and the Summer Camp program received a passing grade for state licensing. Currently working on winter programs and events. Director Ross thanked Deputy Director Wright for her hard work.
- 8. Friends of Van Buren Parks and Recreation Foundation Update: Chair Gant will look into filling out application and finding people to serve on the committee.
- 9. **Health and Wellness Expo:** 45 exhibitors at the event. Contact with Blue Cross Blue Shield and Hap helped make this a very well attended intergenerational event. Seniors took passports to every exhibitor and when completed received a meal ticket. This was the third year for the Expo.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Askew, the first Duck Race on Belleville Lake was held at the Annual Bridge Walk and Taste of Belleville event.

Gant, the Air Show at Willow Run was last weekend. Nearly 100,000 people attended the event bringing more business to the area. Next year, the Blue Angels will return to the show.

ADJOURNMENT: Askew moved, Coleman supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Harman Recording Secretary