

**Charter Township of Van Buren
Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Gant. **Members Present:** Mark Duff, Sam Villa (late 6:00 p.m.), Tammy Wall, Kimberly Nofz, Clerk Leon Wright and Speed Gant **Staff Present:** Director Wright, Deputy Director Zaenglein and Secretary Harman. **Members of the Audience:** Carol Dolph.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion Colman, Wall second to approve the agenda of April 9, 2013 as presented. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Coleman, Wright second to approve the minutes of October 9, 2012 as presented. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Recreation Updates:** Director Wright introduced Deputy Director Zaenglein to the Committee and thanked her for keeping the office in order while on maternity leave. Director Wright gave updates on Daddy/Daughter Dance, Hoppin' Hullabaloo, Mother/Son Bowl, Mother/Daughter Tea, the Drive-In Dog Clinic, Summer Camp/Summer Camp Counselors and presented the Spring/Summer Recreation Program to Committee members. Tammy Wall spoke on upcoming scouting activities.
2. **Cultural Advisory Committee Update:** Chairperson Gant invited Carol Dolph to give an update on the Cultural Advisory Committee. She informed that the Committee has been suspended at this time due to lack of funding. The Committee has all of its paperwork complete and will remain suspended until funding from landfill tipping fees is received. Chairperson Gant thanked Dolph for an outstanding job on the Committee.
3. **Park Updates:** Deputy Director Zaenglein gave an update on the bike path at Van Buren Park, which is now complete. She also discussed new picnic tables at the park, summer seasonal staff, staffing changes to the beach area and vendors in the park.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Election of Officers:** Chairperson Gant opened the nominations.

Motion Gant, Duff second for nominate Chuck Coleman as Chairperson. Motion Carried. Motion Duff, Wright second to nominate Tammy Wall as Vice-Chairperson. Motion Carried.

Motion Gant, Duff second to close the nominations.

2. **2013 Summer Concert Series:** Deputy Director Jennifer Zaenglein presented the 2013 Summer Concert Series lineup to the Committee members. Deputy Director Zaenglein is also working on putting together sponsorship packets for the event.

Motion Duff, Wall second to recommend the 2013 Summer Concert Series on to the Township Board for approval. Motion Carried.

- 3. 2013 Fireworks:** Director Wright informed that Supervisor Combs would like to have the fireworks show return in 2013. Director Wright presented bids for a \$10,000.00 show to the Committee members with a possible date of June 29th. Funding for the show is not secure yet, but will be finalized by June.

Motion Wright, Duff second to recommend Zambelli Fireworks for the 2013 Fireworks display pending secured funding. Motion Carried.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Clerk Wright would like to see the Parks & Recreation Department organize a 5k run to get people out to Van Buren Park, possibly a yearly event.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Gant, Duff second to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Harman
Recording Secretary