

**Charter Township of Van Buren
Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Chairperson Coleman. **Members Present:** Leon Wright, Rondell Sherman, Kimberly Nofz, Tammy Wall and Charles Coleman. **Excused:** None. **Unexcused:** Sam Villa and Mark Duff. **Staff Present:** Director Wright, Deputy Director Zaenglein and Secretary Harman. **Others in attendance:** Trustees Phil Hart and Reggie Miller.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Recreation Updates:** Director Wright gave updates on the CDBG funded Takin it to the Streets program, CDBG Funding for the Master Plan update and events located at Van Buren Park, waiting for update on \$5,000 DNR Grant from Community Forestry to implement programs at Summer Camp, Summer Camp Program at Van Buren Park, Fall/Winter Recreation Program, 2nd Annual Touch a Truck event at Van Buren Park and the upcoming Candy Loop event at Quirk Park on October 25th.
2. **Park Updates:** Deputy Director Zaenglein gave updates on the renovated gardens at Riggs Park, the contracting of McKenna Associates to design a sign for Riggs Park, the possibility of using the insurance money from the Riggs Barn fire to secure the Riggs house and build a sign for the park, summer programs Great Grasshopper Roundup and Frog Night Friday, the Civic Fund awarded money for new dugouts at the Chuck Coleman Memorial Field, new group in charge of Van Buren Soccer Association, projects to bring the kitchen up to health code at Quirk Park, pavilion electric upgrade done at Van Buren Park, U of M landscape architect professor has students researching projects for improvements at Van Buren Park and the students will present the projects to the Township Board when finished and Director Zaenglein discussed the stage repairs needed as the ramp is currently broken and taped off, she has included repair cost in the budget to present to the Township Board.

Motion Wright, Wall second to recommend to the Township Board of Trustees to utilize the insurance money from the Riggs barn fire to secure the Riggs house and build a Riggs Park sign. Motion Carried.

3. **Park Improvement Updates:** Committee members discussed the proposed call boxes for Van Buren Park to be funded by the Van Buren Civic Fund. Members decided that the Van Buren Park pavilions are more in need of immediate repair and to present a new project for those repairs and discussed other funding options to look into for placing 2 call boxes at Van Buren Park. Also discussed beach area improvements and mock up signage to be placed at the beach area, under bridges and at marinas to caution of the currents in the lake.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Committee members discussed the desire to fill the vacant student representative position in the beginning of 2015.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Wall, Wright second to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Harman
Recording Secretary