

**Charter Township of Van Buren
Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Chairperson Coleman. **Members Present:** Leon Wright, Kimberly Nofz, Tammy Wall and Charles Coleman. **Excused:** None. **Unexcused:** Sam Villa, Rondell Sherman and Mark Duff. **Staff Present:** Director Wright, Deputy Director Zaenglein and Secretary Harman. **Others in attendance:** Public Works Director, Jim Taylor.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Recreation Updates:** Director Wright gave updates on the upcoming Daddy/Daughter Dance, Camp Discovery Day, Hoppin Hullabaloo, possible intergenerational programming and possible collaborative marketing and event sponsorship with the DDA. Also discussed were the Governor's Showcase Trail which will run through Van Buren Township, possible grant funding for the trail, the DNR's interest in property on Huron River Drive for Township use and the upcoming Master Plan update.
2. **Park Updates:** Deputy Director Zaenglein informed the committee that the DPW worker at the park is now part of Buildings and Grounds being overseen by Jim Taylor. Maintenance of park buildings and grounds will be handled by Director Taylor. Zaenglein also discussed possibly having another prescribed burn at Riggs Park, Eagle Scout Devin Eckherdt is constructing 5 benches and some bat houses along the path at Riggs Park, webinar through Michigan Recreation and Park Association (MRPA) to create a habitat for the monarchs at Riggs Park and \$122,000 of MMRMA reimbursement funds to use for park improvements at Van Buren Park and how to prioritize them.
3. **Park Improvement Updates:** Deputy Director Zaenglein gave PowerPoint presentation of the improvements desired for Van Buren Park. Improvements include: stage repairs, pavilion repairs, new pavilions, new grills, message boards, signs, benches, trash cans, pet waste stations, hot coal bins, demo of the log cabin, new cement pads and emergency call boxes. Director Taylor is having a structural engineer look at the stage to see if it is salvageable. Also discussed were concerns with the washout of the road at the old park entrance between Edison Road and the park, the importance of having 2 entrance/exits to the park for safety and the need for updates to the current water supply at the park it is not adequate for fire flow. The Water and Sewer Department will take care of the upgrades. Grant funding is being looked into for the washed out rear entrance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers:

Motion Wright, Wall second to nominate Coleman as Chairperson. Motion Carried.

Motion Nofz, Coleman second to nominate Wall as Vice-Chairperson. Motion Carried.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Introduction of Brittany Nofz a junior at Belleville High School who is an interested candidate for the Student Representative position on the Recreation Committee.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Nofz, Wright second to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Harman
Recording Secretary