

**Charter Township of Van Buren
Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Coleman. **Members Present:** Leon Wright, Sam Villa, Rondell Sherman, Kimberly Nofz, Tammy Wall and Charles Coleman. **Excused:** Mark Duff. **Unexcused:** None. **Staff Present:** Director Wright, Deputy Director Zaenglein and Secretary Harman. **Others in attendance:** Trustee Reggie Miller and Student Brittany Nofz.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Recreation Updates:** Director Wright gave updates on the recent Daddy/Daughter Dance and Hoppin Hullabaloo as well as the upcoming Mother/Daughter Tea Party and Mother/Son Bowl. Members received the new 2015 Spring/Summer Recreation Program. Takin' it to the Streets program will be held at Van Buren Park this year. New classes/programs included: Zumba Kids class, Mom to Mom Sale, Furniture Painting class and Ceramic Class for kids (intergenerational). Two events to be held at Riggs Heritage Park: Moth Mystery and Monarch Adventure. The Monarch Butterfly includes a fun run, costume contest, interpretive crafts and face painting. The recreation department is currently in the process of preparing for summer camp by taking registrations, hiring counselors and beginning training.
2. **Park Updates:** Deputy Director Zaenglein gave updates on preparing for the season. New sign is ordered for Riggs Park. This Friday, April 17 is Frog Night Friday at Riggs Heritage Park. Restroom facilities at Riggs, Van Buren and Quirk will all be operational by Friday. New dugouts are going in at the Greg Brinkerhoff and Chuck Coleman Memorial Field at Quirk Park, they were funded by Wayne County Millage and the Van Buren Civic Fund.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **2015 Summer Concert Series:** Deputy Director Zaenglein presented the proposed 2015 Summer Concert Series lineup. This year the concerts will be utilizing a portable stage rented from the Belleville Area Council for the Arts for \$400 per event. This enables the concert series to be at different locations throughout the Township.

Motion Wall, Villa second to recommend to the Township Board the 2015 Summer Concert Series lineup for approval.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Wright, Sherman, Villa, Wall, Nofz and Coleman.

Nays: None.

Absent: Duff.

Motion Carried.

2. **2015 Fireworks Display:** Director Wright presented the 2015 Fireworks Display to be held at Beck Ballfields on Saturday, June 27th. Concessions will be provided by Little

League, glowworks will be on site. This year "Rich Eddy's Rockin Oldies" band to play instead of a DJ. Three companies submitted bids for the fireworks display. Zambelli International presented the highest shell count for the \$10,000.00 show.

Motion Villa, Wall second to recommend to the Township Board Zambelli International for the 2015 Fireworks Display.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Wright, Wall, Villa, Sherman, Nofz and Coleman.

Nays: None.

Absent: Duff.

Motion Carried.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. **Park Ordinance Discussion:** Director Wright and Deputy Director Zaenglein spoke of the creation of a park ordinance. The directors had met with Director of Public Works, Jim Taylor and discussed several topics to be included in the ordinance. Committee members discussed areas desired to be included: noise, alcohol, animals, motorcycle access, speeding in the park, tobacco use, drones, hunting and playground equipment age restrictions. Directors Wright and Deputy Director Zaenglein will meet with Jim Taylor and write up a draft ordinance to be presented to the Recreation Committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
2. **Trustee Millers Donation:** Trustee Reggie Miller presented a check to the Recreation Committee for \$1,000.00, as part of her campaign pledge. The Committee is to choose how the donation will be spent.
3. **Student Rep:** Belleville High School Junior, Brittany Nofz has filled out the application to be the new Student Representative to the Recreation Committee.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Wall, Nofz second to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Harman
Recording Secretary