

**Charter Township of Van Buren  
Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes  
February 9, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Chairperson Coleman.  
**Members Present:** Tammy Wall, Clerk Wright and Charles Coleman. Kimberly Nofz and Erika Nofz.

**Excused:** none

**Unexcused:** none

**Staff Present:** Director Wright, Deputy Director Zaenglein and Secretary Price.

**Others in attendance:** Daniel Belanger

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

***Motion Wall, Wright second to approve the agenda of February 9, 2016 as presented.  
Motion Carried.***

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

***Motion Wall, Wright second to approve the minutes from October 13, 2015 as presented.  
Motion Carried.***

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Recreation Updates:** Director Wright indicated that the shed that the Civic Fund donated the money to build is complete. Updated committee on programs upcoming Father Daughter Dance sold out for Saturday and limited spots available for Friday, theme this year is Under the Sea. Twisted Rooster donated 200 free children's meals coupons for the participants. Director Wright invited Committee members to come help decorate. March 11th & 12th Women's Self-defense class, taught by a 3rd degree black belt and past law enforcement officer. Summer Camp registrations open March 7th, Hoppin' Hullabaloo Fun Dance March 18th. Director Wright showed the Committee a draft of the Spring Summer program welcoming suggestions on cover. Director Wright discussed a grant that was applied for Iron Bell which would install a bike path South side of Huron River Drive, DNR would also go thru Van Buren Park. Fireworks will be on June 25th with a rain date of June 26th, Rich Eddy's Rockin Oldies band is secured for both nights as well.

Clerk Wright explained that Community Development Block Grant target areas have changed and that Van Buren Park is included in the eligible area, funds are now able to be allocated he welcomed committee members to share ideas on project and or programs so they can be taken to the Board for consideration. Clerk Wright indicated that we need to target teens indicating that a larger gymnasium that we could partition off.

Director Wright passed out survey data collected from survey. McKenna will be attending the April meeting.

2. **Park Updates:** Deputy Director Zaenglein gave updates on the demolition of stage at Van Buren Park will take place this spring. Concert Series for 2016 is put on hold, perhaps partnering with DDA in the future to utilize their pocket park across from Walgreen's. Last year concert series brought in roughly 700 people. University of Michigan approached us about park signage to be used on the day of their events. Boy Scouts will be creating a butterfly garden at Van Buren Park. Civic Fund has requested to hold the Detroit Tigers Alumni Game to be hosted on May 21st at the Greg Brinkerhoff/Chuck Coleman field here at Township Hall. Riggs house demolition bids will be reviewed and started as soon as possible. Gate house and park staff hiring is underway.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** *Motion Coleman, Wright second to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Motion Carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Price  
Recording Secretary