

**Charter Township of Van Buren
Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:43 p.m. by Chairperson Belanger.

Members Present: Clerk Wright, Daniel Belanger, Todd O'Neill and Tammy Wall.

Excused: Charles Coleman, Denise Willoughby, Kimberly Nofz, Student Rep. Erika Nofz

Unexcused:

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

Audience: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion O'Neill, Wall seconded to approve the agenda of October 10, 2017 as presented.

Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion Wall, Wright seconded to approve the minutes from June 13, 2017 as presented.

Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

General Discussion:

1. Recreation Updates:

Recreation Software Mysenior.com in the works staff working out details regarding affiliated credit card company.

Director Wright discussed the Iron Belle Trail PEA Engineering firm to start the preliminary planning. All parties involved will meet next week to discuss future finding, right of way concerns and easements.

Takin' it to the Streets partnered with Touch a Truck excellent turn out, beautiful weather. Cable department put together a great You Tube video of the event. Fall/Winter Community Lake Ledger received by printer last week already delivered to schools, day cares and the library.

Director Wright and Deputy Director Zaenglein attended training at Wayne County Nakin Mills regarding playground inclusion. Playground inclusion stressed the importance of making playgrounds assessable for all including sensory accessories and areas that would promote down time for the children. Candy Loop will taking place on October 28th 5 -7 p.m. held at Quirk Park. Director Wright invited committee members to dress up and pass out candy. Director Wright interviewed by Michigan Recreation Park Association (MRPA) we have become a premier agency this year there will be an article in the upcoming MRPA Magazine.

2. Park Updates:

Deputy Director Zaenglein shared with the committee that she and staff went to training that covered dog encounters. Deputy Director Zaenglein was very impressed with the training and has spoke with Directors here because it would be beneficial for all VBT field employees and Police Department.

Van Buren Park Pavilion #2 and the playstructure was demolished last week. CDBG is funding the project, playground will be installed this fall and the construction for the pavilion will start in the spring of 2018 per Deputy Director Matt Best.

Chess Club started this week roughly 30 participants between both Owen Intermediate and McBride Middle School. The club is for all levels of experience. Van Buren Public Schools Superintendent Pete Kudlak helped by teaching the kids who needed help to learn the game.

Adjournment: Motion Wall, O'Neill second to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m. ***Motion Carried.***

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Price
Recording Secretary