

**Charter Township of Van Buren
Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:33p.m. by Chairperson Belanger.
Members Present: Charles Coleman, Denise Willoughby, Clerk Wright, Daniel Belanger, and Tammy Wall.

Excused: Kimberly Nofz

Unexcused: Todd O'Neill

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion Wall, Coleman seconded to approve the agenda of June 12, 2018 as presented.
Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion Wright, Coleman seconded to approve the minutes from April 10, 2018 with amendments ***Motion Carried.***

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Space Needs Assessment: Committee discussed Space Needs Assessment and showed concern that current study does not fit the needs of the Recreation Department or the Community. Committee discussed that it would be extremely beneficial to the community for the gym to be larger with multipurpose rooms adjacent. This multipurpose room could be used for programming for Recreational and Senior use and/or renting to the public for parties. In addition, a walking track that could be used while families waited for children to finish classes as well as a workout facility. Lobby needs to be bigger to accommodate families. Recreation front desk needs to be larger to accommodate staff. Members stated a multipurpose facility is long overdue would be an asset to the community.

*Coleman moved, Belanger seconded to deny findings of the space needs assessment relating to the Recreation Department. The Committee feels the study does not represent the needs of the community. Committee requested a conducive study that represents expanding the gym with a walking track and adjacent multipurpose rooms to hold recreation or senior programs, workout facility, larger lobby and larger area for Recreation staff. **Motion Carried***

General Discussion:

1. Recreation Updates

Director Wright and Deputy Director Zaenglein are presenting to the DNR Trust Fund Grant Committee in Flint for the Iron Belle Trail. Director Wright shared photos of past events Mother Daughter Tea Party and Mother Son Bowl both events had successful turn outs, with Mother Son Bowl participants doubling. Summer Camp program sign up and staff training underway and department budgets are currently being worked on. A three year transportation contract for Summer Camp transportation for families that live in Van Buren Township or City of Belleville. Family Fishing Day at Crosswind Marsh had a great turn out, Recreation staff assisted families with baiting hooks and untangling lines. Takin it to the Streets Friday, June 22nd at Tyler School and Summer Rock painting will be on Saturday, June 23rd held at the senior activity garden. Wright invited committee members to help out. June 30th Fireworks date at Beck ballfield with July 1st rain date DJ, concessions and glow product vendor.

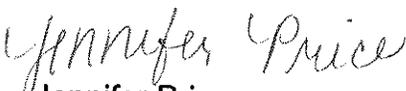
2. Park Updates:

Director Zaenglein shared that spring activity at the parks have started, road has been graded, pavilions ready for rentals and summer staff is hired. Riggs Park vandalized a long time ago, Quirk Park also was subject vandalism in the bathroom building and grounds are facilitating repairs. Committee discussed future plans to deter damage. Pavilion #2 has been completed looks terrific, new play structure is completed and in use. Ribbon cutting ceremony will happen soon.

Adjournment: Motion Coleman,Wall second to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer Price
Recording Secretary